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EXPERIENCE

Sicily

an introduction

Sicily is deservedly the queen of the islands. Not only is she the largest in the Mediterranean, but also the most gifted by nature and history.

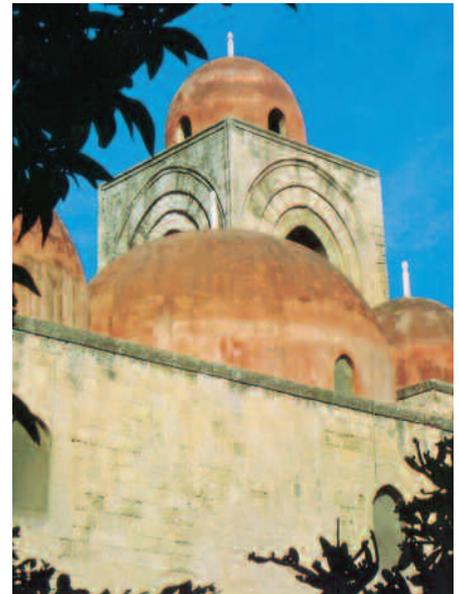
Little changed over the centuries, this enchanting island is a unique blend of all that is best about the Mediterranean. There are many sights and experiences not to be missed, including some of the most perfectly preserved temples and theatres in the world at Siracusa, Agrigento, Segesta and the entire Greek city of Selinunte, which are the classical remains of Sicily's many invaders dating back over almost 3,000 years.

The island is steeped in history but also in the pleasures of the senses. So, on your voyage of discovery do not forget the sea, glinting turquoise-clear and inviting, around more than 1,000 kilometres of coastline, where Sicily's holiday resorts are among the most charming in the Mediterranean. These include the fashionable Taormina, perched some 700 feet above sea level with stupendous views of snow-capped Mount Etna and the bay of Naxos.

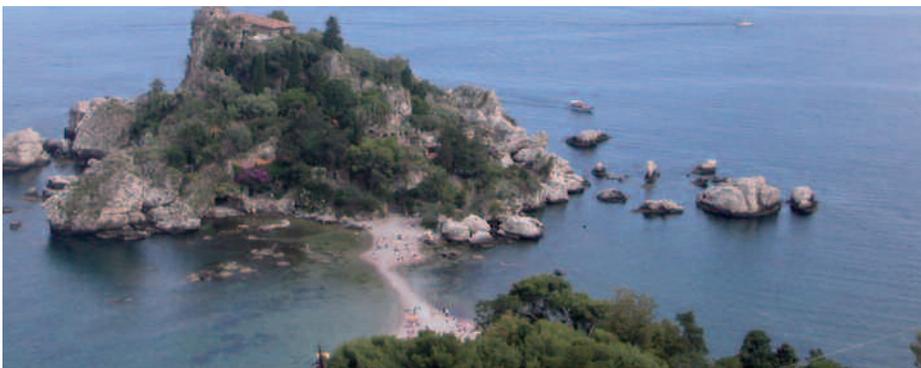
Food is undoubtedly a very important ingredient in any holiday and Sicilian cuisine is a tantalising display of colourful and tempting dishes which are perfectly complemented by the excellent wines of the island. Pasta, a course to be included in any Sicilian meal, is served with tasty sauces from a choice of rich and spicy to the simple but delicious "aglio e olio" pasta with garlic and olive oil.

Sicily has an abundance of seafood including an array of crustaceans. Tuna and swordfish are cooked in a variety of regional sauces or served thinly sliced and marinated in olive oil and lemon juice.

The Sicilians have a sweet tooth and as such produce not only exquisite ice creams and refreshing sorbets but also a fantastic display of mouthwatering cakes, many of these are made with fresh almonds including the famous "pasta di mandorla" - a soft biscuit outside with a moist almond centre.



San Giovanni Degli Eremiti, Palermo



Isola Bella Taormina

ABOUT US

We have been working with Sicily and the Aeolian islands for over 40 years now and this programme is the result of our considerable experience in this area. Through continuous close contact with our clients and our suppliers we have come to know what is the best the islands have to offer and this is what we hope to pass on to you, the visitor.

Our staff all have first-hand knowledge of Sicily and the surrounding islands and are only too pleased to give you all the information and guidance you require to choose the right holiday.

As members of ABTA, ATOL & IATA you can be assured of our continued commitment to you.

OUR HOLIDAYS

We have made our holidays as flexible as possible, giving you the opportunity to combine any number of hotels or apartments with any flights and/or car hire. Should you not find exactly what you are looking for in this brochure we have a greater selection of properties on our website www.thesicilianexperience.co.uk as well as more detailed descriptions and additional photographs. In order to offer you maximum flexibility the prices shown in the accompanying price list are a guide only and may fluctuate up or down according to flight and accommodation prices and availability at the time of booking. We will gladly tailor-make your itinerary to suit your specific needs anywhere in Sicily or the islands. It is also possible to combine Sicily with a stay on mainland Italy.

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Our tours are operated by Retevacanze in Sicily who we have been working with for many years in the arrangement of our very popular tours of Sicily. With great attention to detail these tours have been developed and refined over the years to give you a taste of some of Sicily's finest treasures.

The tours are accompanied throughout by experienced multi-lingual leaders and accommodation is in good comfortable 4* hotels.

All our tours can be combined with an add-on stay either before or after the tour for any number of nights at any of our properties. We can also arrange for you to fly into one airport in Sicily and out of another.



Temple at Selinunte

for dates of operation please refer to our accompanying price list for the following tours.

- 7 night - Grand Tour of Sicily starting in Palermo
- 7 night - Carousel Tour of Sicily starting in Catania
- 11 night - Carousel Tour of Sicily and Malta starting in Catania ending in Malta
- 4 night - Mini Tour A of Sicily starting in Catania ending in Palermo
- 4 night - Mini Tour B of Sicily starting in Palermo ending in Taormina

Entrance fees payable locally (reduced rates for over 65 years).

GRAND TOUR - PALERMO

7 NIGHTS - SATURDAY TO SATURDAY
STARTS IN PALERMO ENDS IN PALERMO
FULL BOARD - TOUR IS IN A MAXIMUM
3 LANGUAGES

DAY 1 SATURDAY

Palermo

Arrival at Palermo. Transfer to hotel in Palermo for welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 2 SUNDAY

Cefalu – Castelbuono – Catania

Depart for Cefalu a former fishing village, now a charming coastal resort with its imposing Arab Norman Cathedral. Stroll through the ancient narrow street and see the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Continue to Castelbuono a typical medieval village on the slopes of the Madonie. Tasting of typical Sicilian specialities and liqueurs. Lunch in Castelbuono. Continue to Catania. Dinner and overnight in Catania.

DAY 3 MONDAY

Catania – Mt Etna – Taormina

Excursion to Mt Etna (weather conditions permitting) reaching a height of 2000 metres. Lunch in a local restaurant on the slopes of Etna. Continue to Taormina. Time at leisure to explore this elegant resort and visit the splendid Roman-Greek Theatre. Back to Catania. Dinner and overnight in Catania.

DAY 4 TUESDAY

Siracusa – Ragusa

Depart for Siracusa, visit the archaeological area including the Latomie of the Paradise and the Dyonisos "Ear". Continue to Ortigia, the baroque historical centre of the city to visit the Cathedral and the Arethuse fountain. Lunch in a local restaurant. Drive through Modica one of Sicily's most picturesque baroque towns to

Ragusa a city divided in 2 after the earthquake of 1693. Visit the historical centre of Ibla with its stunning palaces and churches. Tasting of typical Sicilian products in a local bar in the main square. Dinner and overnight in Ragusa.

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY

Caltagirone – Piazza Armerina – Agrigento

Depart for Caltagirone, renowned for its production of Sicilian ceramics. Continue to Piazza Armerina to visit the famous mosaics at Villa Romana del Casale. Lunch in a local restaurant. Depart for Agrigento and visit the Valley of the Temples. Dinner and overnight in Agrigento.

DAY 6 THURSDAY

Selinunte – Erice - Palermo

Depart for the Archaeological park of Selinunte with its impressive Temples and Acropolis. After the visit stop in Castelvetrano at a local farmhouse (famous for olive oil production) for wine and olive oil tastings before having lunch. On to Erice a medieval town sitting high on top

of Mt Erice overlooking Trapani and the Egadi Islands. On to Palermo. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 7 FRIDAY

Palermo – Monreale – Optional excursion to Mondello/Mt Pellegrino/Capo market

Visit of Palermo including the Cathedral, Palatine Chapel and panoramic tour of the city including the Quattro Canti, Opera House and Pretoria Square. Continue to Monreale to admire the Cathedral and Benedictine Cloister built in the 12th century and covered with magnificent mosaics. Back to Palermo for lunch in the hotel. Afternoon at leisure or optional excursion to the nearby sea side resort of Mondello and on to Monte Pellegrino (the most famous mountain in Palermo) followed by a walk to one of the most colourful markets in Palermo. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 8 SATURDAY

After breakfast end of tour.



Greek Theatre at Segesta

Grand Tours-

CAROUSEL TOUR - CATANIA

7 NIGHTS - SATURDAY TO SATURDAY
STARTS IN CATANIA ENDS IN TAORMINA
HALF BOARD - PLUS LUNCH DAY 3 AND DAY 6
TOUR IS IN ENGLISH ONLY

DAY 1 SATURDAY

Catania

Arrival at Catania. Transfer to hotel in Catania. Welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight in Catania.

DAY 2 SUNDAY

Catania – Siracusa – Ragusa

Depart for Siracusa, visit the archaeological area including the Latomie of the Paradise and the Dyonisos "Ear". Continue to Ortigia, the baroque historical centre of the city to visit the Cathedral and the Arethuse fountain. Lunch at leisure. Depart for Ragusa a city divided in 2 after the earthquake of 1693. Visit the historical centre of Ibla with its stunning palaces and churches. Dinner and overnight in Ragusa.

DAY 3 MONDAY

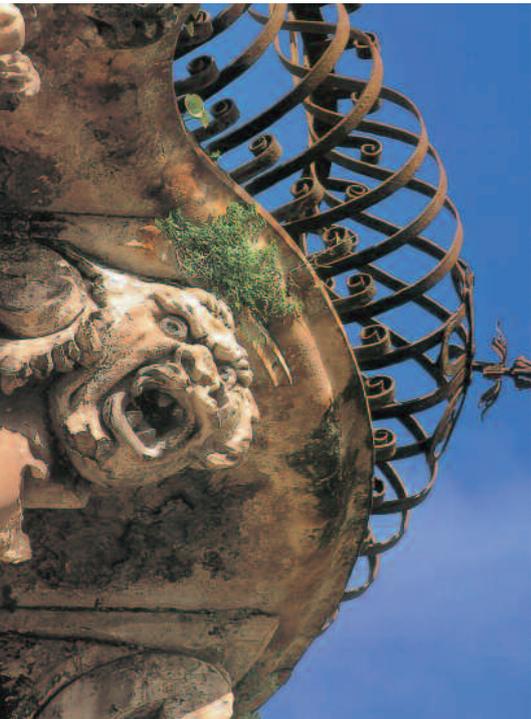
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DAY 4 TUESDAY

Palermo – Monreale

Depart for Palermo. On arrival time and lunch at leisure. Afternoon visit to Monreale with its splendid Cathedral and Benedictine Cloister built in the 12th century and covered with magnificent mosaics. Visit the historical centre of Palermo including the Cathedral, Palatine Chapel and Royal Palace. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.



A typical Baroque balcony



Castello di Caccamo, Palermo

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY

Segesta – Erice – Trapani – Palermo

Depart for Segesta to visit the famous Doric Temple and Greco-Roman Theatre amid stunning countryside. Continue to the medieval hill-top village of Erice overlooking Trapani and the Egadi Islands. Lunch at leisure. Down to Trapani for a panoramic tour of the working salt mills. Return to Palermo. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 6 THURSDAY

Cefalu – Nebrodi Park – Taormina

Depart for Cefalu a former fishing village, now a charming coastal resort with its imposing Arab Norman Cathedral. Stroll through the ancient narrow street and see the medieval wash-house built in the rock. Continue to the park of Nebrodi stopping for lunch at the Miraglia Forest with a typical menu. Continue to Cesaro, Randazzo and visit the Etna park from the North side. On to Taormina. Dinner and overnight in Taormina.

DAY 7 FRIDAY

Taormina – Optional excursion to Mt Etna

Morning either at leisure to explore this elegant resort with its splendid Roman-Greek Theatre or possible optional excursion to Mt Etna (numbers and weather permitting) climbing to a height of 1800 metres. Lunch at leisure. Return to Taormina with time free to stroll along the Corso Umberto enjoying the wonderful array of cafes, pastry shops and smart boutiques or visit the delightful hill-top village of Castelmola perched above Taormina. Farewell dinner and overnight in Taormina.

DAY 8 SATURDAY

After breakfast end of tour



Traditional Dghajsa in Vittoriosa Marina, Malta

CAROUSEL TOUR - CATANIA AND MALTA

7 NIGHTS PLUS 4 NIGHTS IN MALTA
11 NIGHTS – SATURDAY TO WEDNESDAY
STARTS IN CATANIA ENDS IN MALTA

HALF BOARD - PLUS LUNCH DAY 3, 6 AND DAY 11 - TOUR IS IN ENGLISH ONLY

DAY 1 to DAY 7 – ITINERARY AS PER TOUR ABOVE

DAY 8 SATURDAY

Catania - Malta

After breakfast, morning at leisure. In the afternoon transfer from Taormina to Catania then transfer to Pozzallo port for the hydrofoil to Malta. Crossing time 1 hour 45 minutes. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight at St Paul's Bay.

DAY 9 SUNDAY

Malta "The three cities"

Morning tour of some of Malta's historical highlights including the imposing church of St Lawrence and the Maritime museum in Vittoriosa. Continue to the fortified city of Senglea for a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour and its fortifications. Return to hotel. Lunch and afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 10 MONDAY

Malta "Valletta"

Depart for a morning tour of Valletta – Malta's heritage-rich capital. Highlights include the Upper Barracca Gardens and St John's Cathedral, home to a splendid Caravaggio painting as well as an intriguing museum. Visit of the 16th Century Grand Master's Palace official home of Malta's parliament. Take in the sumptuous interior including the state rooms and impressive collection of armour and weaponry dating back to the 16th Century. Return to hotel. Lunch and afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 11 TUESDAY

Malta "Mdina"

Depart for a visit to Mosta Church, renowned for its spectacular dome. Stop off at the Botanic gardens of San Anton then proceed to Ta Qali crafts village to visit a local glassblower, a jeweller and a potter. Lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch a visit to St Paul's Grotto in Rabat followed by a walking tour of the ancient walled city of Mdina with its fine mix of medieval and baroque architecture and late 17th Century Cathedral. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 12 WEDNESDAY

After breakfast tour ends. Transfer to airport.

Grand Tours-

Sicily Mini Tours

CAROUSEL MINI TOUR - A

4 NIGHTS - SATURDAY TO WEDNESDAY
STARTS IN CATANIA ENDS IN PALERMO
HALF BOARD - PLUS LUNCH DAY 3
TOUR IS IN ENGLISH ONLY

DAY 1 SATURDAY

Catania

Transfer to hotel in Catania. Welcome cocktail, dinner and overnight in Catania.

DAY 2 SUNDAY

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DAY 3 MONDAY

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DAY 5 WEDNESDAY

After breakfast end of tour.



Traditional salt ponds near Trapani

CAROUSEL MINI TOUR - B

4 NIGHTS - TUESDAY TO SATURDAY
STARTS IN PALERMO ENDS IN TAORMINA
HALF BOARD - PLUS LUNCH DAY 3
TOUR IS IN ENGLISH ONLY

DAY 1 TUESDAY

Palermo

Transfer to hotel in Palermo. Time at leisure to explore Palermo. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Palermo

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY

Segesta – Erice – Trapani

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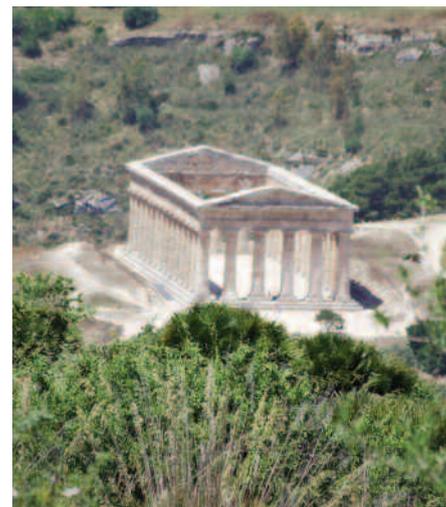
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DAY 5 SATURDAY

After breakfast end of tour.



Greek Temple at Segesta



Etna in a quiet moment



Town gate to Marsala



Taormina

Taormina lies in the mountains above the Straits of Messina mid-way between Catania and Messina, with glorious views of Mount Etna, especially from its Greek theatre, still used today for many festivities, including the prestigious Taormina Film Festival. The theatre is just one of many Greek, Roman and mediaeval monuments and ruins in the area, including temples, the remains of a gymnasium and a swimming baths with two naves and a barrel-vault ceiling.

Today, the town devotes itself to visitors all year round. It has become the most popular destination in Sicily, because of its mild climate, especially in winter, and successful combination of modern tourism amenities with an ancient past. Old-established hotels from the very grand to the pleasantly simple, the variety of restaurants and efficient tourist facilities cater for every taste, and the main street with many quaint side lanes offers shopping delights for Sicilian curios, smart clothes and antiques.

A cable car takes you quickly down to Taormina Mare to relax between more vigorous expeditions to the many and varied surrounding attractions. This makes it as easy to base a holiday near the beach as in the town itself.

Take a day, even two, to explore Europe's largest active volcano, Mount Etna. The more energetic can walk close to the main crater up heavily cultivated fertile slopes; those who prefer a more leisurely approach can use the roads encircling the mountain.

In early evening, there can be few moments to match sitting with a glass of Sicilian wine as the sun sets over Taormina's spectacular panorama. And, if you are lucky, Etna may erupt and add a fireworks display to your experience.



Grand Hotel Timeo

Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo

★★★★★ **Deluxe**

Built in 1873 as a private residence the Timeo is an impressive building with breathtaking views. It stands in 25,000 square metres of luxuriant parkland which includes a swimming pool and sun terrace and occupies a unique position next to the Greek theatre just a few minutes walk from the centre of Taormina. Owned by Orient Express the hotel has been tastefully furnished to offer the highest standard of luxury and comfort.. The spacious public rooms are tastefully decorated to provide a relaxing atmosphere. Dining in summer is on the large outdoor terrace with panoramic views over the bay of Naxos and Mount Etna. Guests may use the private beach and facilities at sister hotel Villa Sant Andrea. Accommodation is in the main hotel or Villa Flora building depending on room type.

FACILITIES

- 70 rooms and suites, sea/garden view
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- heated swimming pool
- fitness centre
- air conditioning
- lift
- complimentary shuttle to Belmond Hotel Villa Sant Andrea



Grand Hotel Timeo



Grand Hotel Timeo

Taormina



Taormina Greek Theatre



A Taormina garden

San Domenico Palace

★★★★★ **Luxury**

Rising superbly on the crest of the hill which houses Taormina and with unrivalled views over the sea and Mount Etna the elegant world famous San Domenico Palace began life in the fifteenth century as a Dominican monastery. Converted in 1896 into a luxury hotel, little of the original atmosphere has been lost in this transformation. The richly carpeted corridors were once cloisters and many antique furnishings remain. The bedrooms and suites are located in two wings, the original convent wing and the Grand wing (added in 1896). The lofty reception rooms include a cosy lounge and bar.

Outside, steps lead down through the exotic terraced gardens to the secluded swimming pool and sun terrace. In summer guests can choose to dine at any of the hotel's 3 excellent restaurants two of which are outdoor.

FACILITIES

- 105 rooms b/s wc sea/garden view
- 3 restaurants
- lounge
- piano bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- lift



San Domenico Palace



San Domenico Palace



San Domenico Palace

Taormina

Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea

★★★★★ **Luxury**

The delightful Villa Sant Andrea started life in the 19th century as an elegant family home now owned by Orient Express. It has been tastefully converted into an hotel retaining many of its antique furnishings which include an impressive collection of antique books. The bedrooms are stylishly furnished in harmony with the public rooms which have a cosy welcoming atmosphere. The hotel's restaurant overlooking the bay has an excellent reputation. There is a bar on the panoramic terrace and a piano bar most evenings in the summer months. The hotel is set amongst beautiful tropical gardens leading down to its own private stretch of beach equipped with sun beds and umbrellas. Guests may also use the facilities at Grand hotel Timeo – sister to Villa Sant Andrea.

FACILITIES

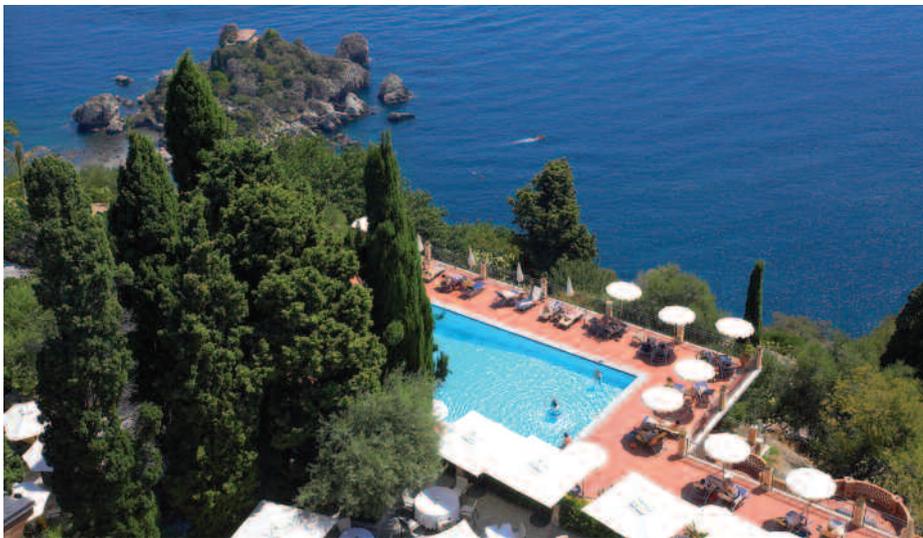
- 60 rooms and suites (some sea view and balcony)
- restaurant
- lounge
- 2 bars
- private beach
- swimming pool
- health and fitness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Villa Sant Andrea



Villa Sant Andrea



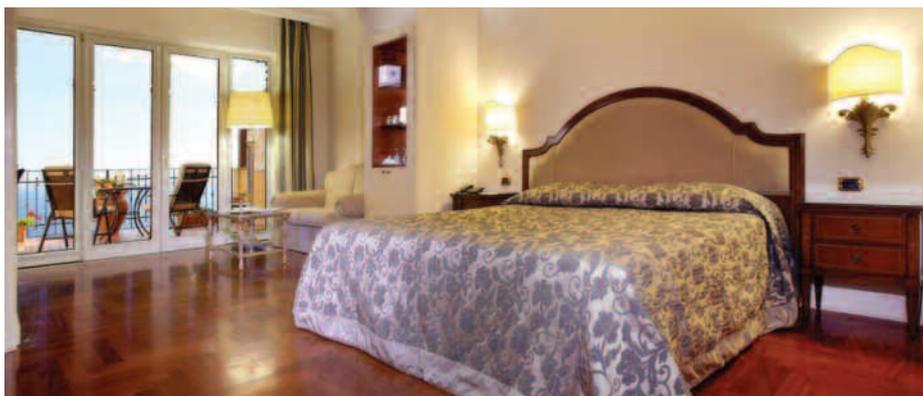
Grand Hotel San Pietro

Grand Hotel San Pietro ★★★★★

Built in the early 20th century for 2 Danish sisters Grand hotel San Pietro takes its name from the Byzantine church of St. Peter just in front of the hotel. It is situated in a uniquely peaceful location offering splendid views of Mount Etna and idyllic Isola Bella. This luxurious hotel is cut off from the traffic of the town and only a 10 minute walk from Taormina's beautiful historic centre and the pretty public gardens at Villa Comunale, perfect for an evening stroll. Recently renovated, the bedrooms and public areas are elegantly furnished in traditional style. A courtesy shuttle service to sister hotel Lido Caparena operates during the summer months. Guests can indulge in a relaxing aperitif with the finest Sicilian liquers and wines at the hotel's elegant piano bar, followed by a romantic meal of Sicilian delicacies at the panoramic Rotonda sul Mare restaurant..

FACILITIES

- 63 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- lounge
- swimming pool
- beach facilities
- gym and spa
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel San Pietro



Taormina

Hotel Imperiale ★★★★★

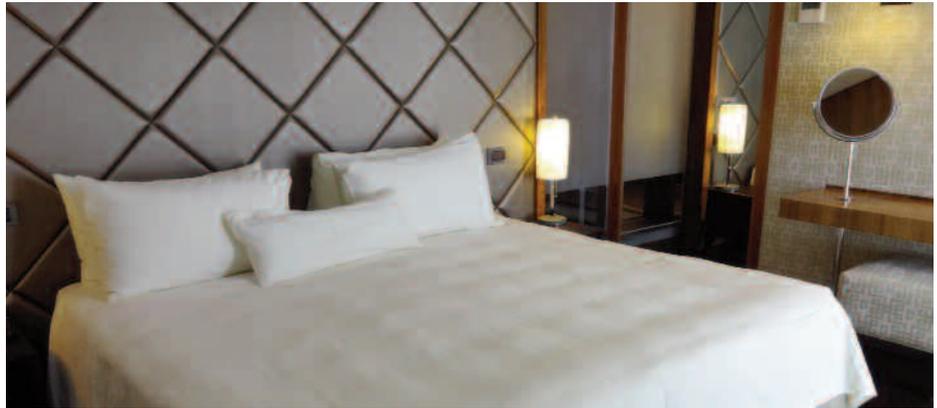
Located in the historic centre of Taormina just a few minutes walk from the Greek Theatre and fashionable Corso Umberto hotel Imperiale tastefully incorporates the elegance of its early 20th Century façade with a fabulous contemporary interior. Local materials have been widely used in the recent renovation and refurbishment of the hotel including attractive mosaics and lava stone bathrooms. From the infinity pool and surrounding roof terrace area the panoramic views over Taormina Bay and beyond are spectacular. There is a well-equipped spa and fitness centre and 2 excellent restaurants – one being OpsoN on the roof terrace opened by the Michelin starred chef Fabio Baldassarre whose recipes are centred around locally sourced produce.

FACILITIES

- 63 rooms and suites b/s wc
- 2 restaurants
- bar and poolside bar
- swimming pool
- spa with sauna and fitness centre
- complimentary shuttle to beach
- air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Imperiale



Hotel Imperiale



Villa Belvedere



Villa Belvedere

Villa Belvedere ★★★★★

One of the first hotels to open in Taormina in 1902 the attractive Belvedere is still run by the charming Pecaut family and exudes a welcoming, friendly atmosphere. Occupying a marvellous position overlooking the bay, the hotel is a short walk from the centre of Taormina through the fragrant botanical gardens and close to the town's many smart shops and restaurants. Elegantly furnished rooms, luxurious apartments (which include all services of the hotel) and fabulous pool area are key features along with a poolside bar serving mouth-watering home cooked dishes.

FACILITIES

- 49 rooms & apartments b/s wc sea view French balcony or terrace
- lounge
- breakfast room
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- lift

Taormina

Casa Turchetti ★★★★★

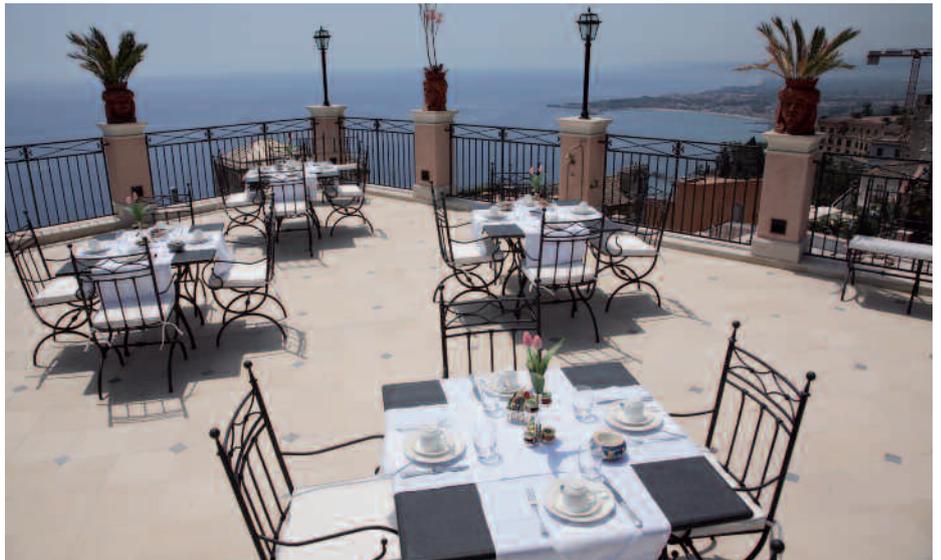
Hidden away yet in the heart of Taormina is the beautiful Casa Turchetti. Built in the late 1800s this historic house takes its name from the "Maestro Turchetti" who as a piano tutor turned it into a house for musicians. Having recently been totally renovated each of the 6 individually styled rooms are uniquely furnished to the highest standard boasting the finest linens, antique and hand-crafted furniture all lovingly sourced with great attention to detail taking care to retain the character of its origin. It has a stunning roof-top terrace with breathtaking views of the bay and Mount Etna. Family owned, Casa Turchetti offers the warmest of hospitality, including a most lavish Sicilian buffet breakfast with tempting homemade delicacies served on the panoramic terrace.

FACILITIES

- 6 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- rooftop terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



Casa Turchetti



Casa Turchetti



Grand Hotel Miramare

Grand Hotel Miramare ★★★★★

Set in beautiful extensive gardens and approx 6 minutes' walk from the centre of Taormina the Miramare is a former villa which has been elegantly transformed into the fine hotel it is today. It has spectacular views across Mazzaro and Isolabella bay. Bedrooms are stylishly decorated, all with minibar and satellite tv. The swimming pool and tennis court are in a panoramic position overlooking the sea and are reached by 186 steps through the terraced gardens. A footpath with steps down to the

beach is a short walk away. The cable car entrance to the beach is also close by.

FACILITIES

- 68 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- tennis court
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel Miramare



Grand Hotel Miramare

Taormina - Castelmola



Castelmola

Perched high above Taormina on top of the mountain suspended between sky and sea is the picturesque setting for the charming village of Castelmola. Breathtaking views across Taormina and the surrounding countryside dominated by Mount Etna make this an excellent location for a quiet, relaxing break.

Amongst the exotic flora including Agaves, Aloes, Capers and Prickly Pears remains of the village's mediaeval castle can still be visited and Castelmola's ancient mosaic paved streets are another reminder of times past, even though today they are host to the popular cafés, restaurants and small shops selling locally made crafts. For those wishing to visit nearby Taormina (approximately 4 kilometres away) there is a regular day-time bus service to the town. From here it is a short cable-car ride to the beach.



Hotel Villa Sonia



Hotel Villa Sonia



Hotel Villa Sonia

Hotel Villa Soma ★★★★★

In an enviable position high up in Castelmola, with stunning views over Mount Etna and the surrounding countryside, the splendid Villa Soma is a haven of peace and tranquility. Decorated in the cool Mediterranean style the hotel exudes a welcoming, friendly atmosphere and among its facilities boasts attractive tiled terraces, inviting swimming pool with surrounding sun terrace and an excellent restaurant where meals are served al fresco during the summer months. Rooms are spacious and individually styled and in addition there are 5 cottage rooms in the hotel gardens with large furnished terraces and stunning Mt Etna views. These are popular for those seeking

peace and tranquility and are accessed by a lot of steps winding through the hotel gardens.

FACILITIES

- 44 rooms b/s wc tv
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- poolside snack bar
- sauna and Jacuzzi (payable locally)
- air conditioning (high season)
- lift
- free shuttle to Taormina 3 times daily
- beach service (payable locally)



Villa Soma



Castelmola Church

Taormina

Villa Paradiso ★★★★★

Owned by the same family since 1892 everything about this charming, popular hotel reflects the expert professionalism and care devoted to it by the proprietor Salvatore Martorana and his family. Situated in the very centre of Taormina it is next door to the colourful botanical gardens and public tennis courts. The hotel's rooftop restaurant has spectacular views of Mount Etna and the bay of Mazzaro. From June to mid October Villa Paradiso runs a regular free shuttle service to its exclusive beach club set on a quiet stretch of private beach with swimming pool, sun terrace and restaurant all set amongst exotic tropical gardens.

FACILITIES

- 38 rooms b/s wc balcony (some with sea or Mount Etna view)
- lounge
- bar
- beach club with swimming pool & restaurant
- roof-top restaurant
- air conditioning
- lift



Villa Paradiso



Villa Paradiso



Villa Paradiso



Hotel Sirius

Hotel Sirius ★★★★★

In a wonderful position approx 6 minutes' walk from the centre of Taormina this charming hotel is reached by a steep drive and terraced into the hill-side it boasts fabulous sea views. It is ideally placed for the 4 minute cable car ride to the beach for those who prefer not to make the 15 minute walk. The Sirius hotel has a welcoming, traditionally furnished lounge and bar, swimming pool and sun terrace. Bedrooms are a good size, most with balconies overlooking the sea.

FACILITIES

- 41 rooms b/s wc (most with sea view and balcony)
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Sirius



Hotel Sirius

Taormina

Hotel Villa Angela ★★★★★

Carved into the cliff-side and perched above the town of Taormina this elegant new villa style hotel has been built and lovingly furnished to a very high standard using the finest traditional, local materials. Set in a tranquil location close to the village of Castelmola the centre of Taormina is easily reached on foot in approximately 15 minutes. The hotel operates a shuttle service, there is also a local bus. Each deluxe bedroom and suite has a large flower-filled terrace with breath-taking views of the sea and Mount Etna. The swimming pool and surrounding sun terrace also have similar spectacular views. The friendly welcoming staff make Villa Angela a wonderful, relaxing retreat from the bustle of Taormina town.

FACILITIES

- 21 rooms b/s wc terrace/balcony sea view
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- shuttle service
- air conditioning
- lift
- free parking



Hotel Villa Angela



Hotel Villa Angela



Hotel Villa Diodoro



Hotel Villa Diodoro

Hotel Villa Diodoro ★★★★★

Occupying a fabulous position within lush Mediterranean gardens Villa Diodoro has uninterrupted Mount Etna and sea views from its large pool and sun terrace as well as from many of its guest rooms. The hotel offers stylish 4* accommodation with furnishings in classical Sicilian style. The restaurant menu offers a good choice of Mediterranean and international dishes and there is a lunchtime bar service by the pool in summer months. A shuttle service to a private beach is available to guests usually from May – Sept (payable locally). Taormina centre is easily reached with a 5 minute stroll through the colourful public gardens. A short walk from the main street the hotel has a health and beauty centre offering a range of relaxing treatments.

FACILITIES

- 102 rooms and suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar and poolside bar
- swimming pool
- shuttle service to sister hotel's private beach
- gym and spa
- air conditioning
- lift



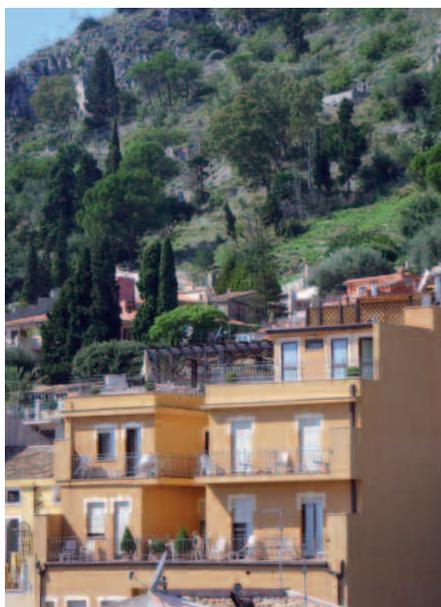
Taormina

Isabella ★★★

Situated in the heart of Taormina on the fashionable traffic-free Corso Umberto, this well run, quiet little hotel is ideally placed for the many restaurants and cafes of Taormina. The hotel offers a good standard of accommodation and bedrooms are tastefully furnished. In the summer months the hotel's roof-top breakfast terrace with its panoramic views over Taormina town and the sea is a stunning feature. Guests may use the beach at sister hotel Lido Caparena free of charge.

FACILITIES

- 31 rooms b/s wc (some with balcony overlooking the sea)
- lounge
- bar
- beach facilities
- roof-top breakfast terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



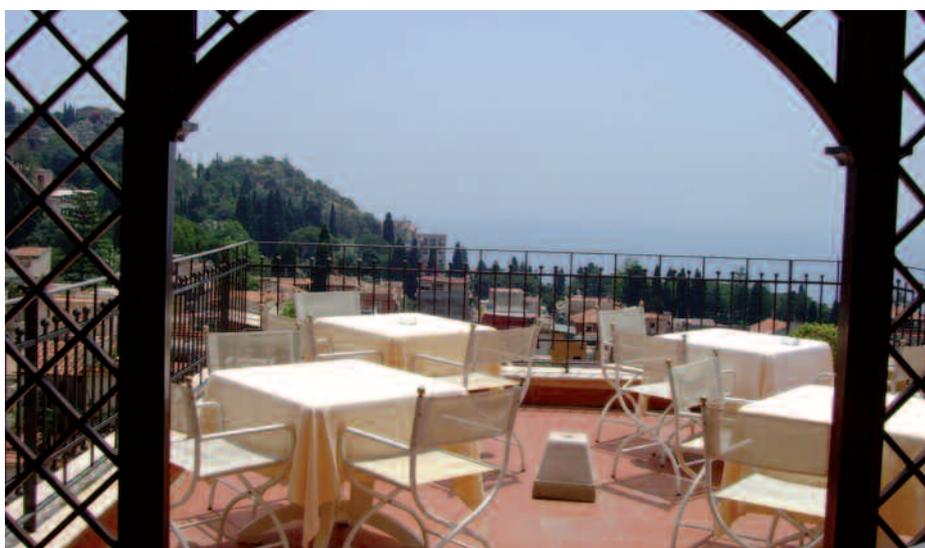
Isabella



A Taormina street



Isabella



Isabella



La Pensione Svizzera

La Pensione Svizzera ★★★

An elegant palazzo built in the 1920s, La Pensione Svizzera has been run by the Vinciguerra family in a quintessentially Sicilian manner for over 80 years. Set on Taormina's stunning hillside renowned for the most spectacular panorama over the city and Mediterranean the hotel is ideally placed for exploring on foot the fine array of restaurants, cafes and shops as well as the famous Greek Theatre that Taormina offers. The hotel is tastefully furnished and has a pretty palm tree garden and terrace. Hospitality here is inviting and friendly. The cable car to the beach is just a moment's walk away where you can pick up the shuttle service to the hotel's private beach at Lido Tropicana.

FACILITIES

- 22 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- bar
- garden
- private beach
- air conditioning



La Pensione Svizzera

Taormina



President Hotel Splendid

President Hotel Splendid

★★Superior

Offering excellent value for money the charming President Splendid hotel is situated in the centre of Taormina just a few minutes walk from the traffic-free main street. The hotel enjoys fantastic views across the bay from its elevated position. Bedrooms are a good size with sea

views and are equipped with ceiling fans. There is a large roof-top terrace with panoramic views and a swimming pool with small surrounding sun terrace.

FACILITIES

- rooms b/s wc sea view
- breakfast room
- swimming pool



President Hotel Splendid

Foothills of Mount Etna & Catania

Mount Etna is an awe-inspiring sight and one of the world's most active volcanos. It lies on the east side of the island between the city of Catania and the resort of Taormina is the highest volcano in Europe and is constantly changing shape as it regularly vents and erupts.

The mountain's fertile lower slopes are host to the most varied vegetation on the island including palm trees, prickly pears and agaves along with an abundance of citrus and olive trees. The area is also famous for producing first-class wines. Among the small villages clinging to the foothills of the mountain and well

worth visiting are Zafferana Etnea, San Giovanni La Punta, Randazzo and the gorge of Alcantara.

Catania is the island's second largest city. Destroyed by the great earthquake of 1693 the city was rebuilt in the baroque style of the day, a fine example being Piazza del Duomo – site of the ancient Roman baths. The main shopping street Via Etnea is an amazing 2 miles long and famous for its smart shops, restaurants and cafes. Catania has a long stretch of coastline boasting fine sandy beaches.

Villa Paradiso dell' Etna ★★★★★

Situated in the little village of San Giovanni La Punta this charming hotel immersed in beautiful gardens overlooking Mount Etna started life in the 1920s as an elegant private villa. During conversion meticulous attention to detail has ensured that its original character has been maintained throughout. Many antique furnishings, marble and stone floors and alfrescoed walls complete the picture. The hotel's restaurant La Pigna has an excellent reputation for traditional Sicilian cuisine. The attractive swimming pool and the surrounding terrace are a great place to relax after exploring nearby Mount Etna or some of the charming local villages.

FACILITIES

- 23 rooms b/s wc some Mount Etna view
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- fitness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Villa Paradiso dell' Etna



Villa Paradiso dell' Etna

Foothills of Mount Etna & Catania

Una Palace ★★★★★

Ideally positioned in a very central location on Catania's fashionable Via Etnea the Una Palace is a fine hotel renovated from a prestigious historic building which dates back to the early 1900s. Furnished in elegant style it maintains its traditional cultural heritage mixed with modern dark oak furniture with white linens in spacious accommodation and offering a warm welcome and friendly service. There are 2 restaurants serving excellent cuisine using local produce. One is on the roof garden terrace which has spectacular views of Mt Etna. From the hotel It is a short walk to many of Catania's most important monuments including the Cathedral and Massimo Bellini theatre as well as a fine selection of restaurants and shops.

FACILITIES

- 94 rooms b/s wc
- lounge
- bar
- 2 restaurants
- roof terrace
- fitness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Una Palace



Una Palace



Mount Etna from the Una Palace roof terrace



Hotel Villa Romeo



Hotel Villa Romeo



Hotel Villa Romeo

Hotel Villa Romeo ★★★

An elegant and sophisticated hotel within easy reach of the railway station, Hotel Villa Romeo boasts the only hotel in central Catania to have three terrace gardens, each filled with a colourful display of plants and flowers. This is a retreat within the city as guests benefit from being in a fabulous central location as well as being shielded from the everyday noise of the city centre with some rooms opening onto the lush terrace gardens. The hotel's interior is furnished in traditional style. You are perfectly placed here for exploring the many riches of the city of Catania including the baroque Piazza del Duomo, Fontana dell'Elefante and Cathedral of St. Agata. Catania also has a bustling open-air market. The central railway station and bus terminal are very close by offering easy access to beaches and the airport.

FACILITIES

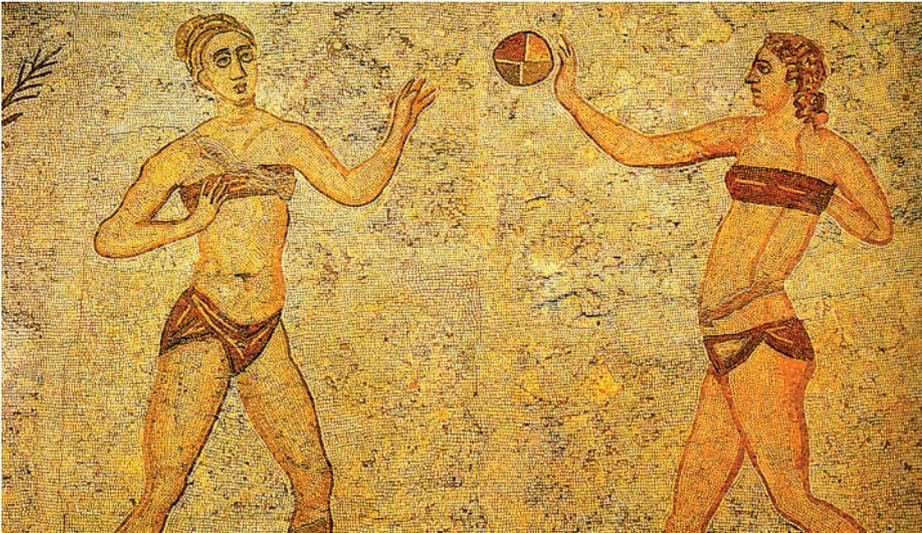
- 25 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- garden with bar
- air conditioning

Piazza Armerina and surrounding area

The hill-top town of Piazza Armerina lies 32 kilometres south of Enna and is most famous for housing Sicily's finest Roman monument "Villa del Casale". Completed in the 4th century the imperial villa was originally owned by Diocletian's co-Emperor Maximian and later occupied by the Norman Kings. Its magnificently preserved mosaics – including the famous "bikini girls" make this treasure a site not to be missed. The centre of Piazza Armerina is dominated by its 13th century cathedral and surrounding the central piazza is the 18th century Palazzo di Citta and the baroque church of San Rocco.

Close to Piazza Armerina is the pretty town of Enna. Largely medieval Enna is in the very centre of Sicily perched 930 metres high with far-reaching views of surrounding almond and olive groves all the way to Mount Etna. With its easy links to Palermo, Cefalu and Catania it is a great place to stop en route for lunch.

An hour south of Piazza Armerina will bring you to Caltagirone famous for its ancient and modern ceramics. The streets are lined with workshops and galleries and its most spectacular feature is La Scala, a majolica-tiled stairway of 142 steps sweeping from the Piazza del Municipio up to the 18th century church of Santa Maria del Monte. There is also a ceramics museum housed in the public gardens.



Piazza Armerina



Hotel Villa Trigona

Hotel Villa Trigona Bed and Breakfast

★★★★

Set in beautiful rural countryside yet less than 1 kilometre from Piazza Armerina nestles this historic B+B. Here you are perfectly placed for visiting the famous Villa Romana, Morgantina and the Staircase of Santa Maria del Monte. Mountain bikes can be hired to explore the local countryside. Villa Trigona is an 18th Century villa set among extensive gardens of olive and citrus trees with pine and oak woods. A swimming pool completes the picture. The interior is charming with cosy lounges and a small library and is furnished in traditional Sicilian style including many antiques in keeping with its heritage. It has a great reputation for serving good home-cooked and locally sourced dishes with friendly service and in the summer months breakfast and dinner are served in the attractive courtyard.

FACILITIES

- 14 bedrooms
- 2 lounges
- library
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- air-conditioning
- mountain bike hire
- children's playground
- games room



Hotel Villa Trigona



Siracusa

In Saracen, Byzantium and Bourbon times, the city suffered invasion and then 'salvation' from opposing forces. Siracusa, the "fairest of cities" according to the Roman Cicero, was a powerhouse of intellectual thought in that part of the Mediterranean colonised by the Greeks. It was home to Archimedes, who is reputed to have set the Roman fleet on fire by reflecting a mirror onto ships' sails. He is also the man who ran naked through the streets crying 'Eureka' ("I have found it") after making a scientific discovery in his bath.

Not surprisingly, Siracusa has a wealth of ancient remains, including the pillars in the splendidly simple Christian cathedral dating from the seventh century. Its magnificent 15,000-seat theatre, the best preserved outside Greece, was the venue for first nights of some plays by Aeschylus, the greatest of Greek dramatists. Classical plays are still performed here today.

Hotel Algilà ★★★★★

This elegantly restored 19th century building is situated in the heart of Siracusa's historic centre of Ortigia and has fabulous sea views. Decorated to a very high standard it's recent transformation has been sympathetically styled in keeping with the original structure of the building. All the bedrooms are tastefully and individually furnished with a wonderful combination of antique and Mediterranean style. It has an excellent restaurant offering a fine mixture of Mediterranean, Sicilian and International dishes. Service here is friendly and welcoming.

FACILITIES

- 30 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- lift
- air conditioning



Hotel Algilà



Palazzo Beneventano, Siracusa

The island of Ortigia, joined to the mainland of Siracusa by two bridges, is a fascinating web of ancient baroque buildings and narrow streets with two main piazzas buzzing with an assortment of restaurants, bars and cafes. It boasts a wealth of ancient treasures including the Cathedral, Arethusa fountain Palazzo Bellomo housing the city's fines arts museum which includes works by Caravaggio and Antonello da Messina. From the harbour it is possible in high season to take a short boat trip across to a quiet sandy beach.



Hotel Algilà



Hotel Algilà

Siracusa

Grand Hotel Ortigia ★★★★★

First built in the 1900s Grand Hotel Ortigia was completely reconstructed in 1995 from its original shell. It has been furnished to a high standard incorporating all modern comforts with careful attention to detail retaining many archaeological features in its "little museum". It occupies a splendid position right in front of Ortigia's harbour where, in high season, there is a boat service to the hotel's private sandy beach approximately 15 minutes away. Breakfast is taken in the top floor restaurant and terrace where dinner is also served offering a good mix of Sicilian and international cuisine and has fabulous panoramic views across Ortigia and the sea.

FACILITIES

- 58 rooms and suites b/s wc
- restaurant and roof terrace
- lounge
- bar
- wellness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel Ortigia



Grand Hotel Ortigia



Grand Hotel Ortigia



Grand Hotel Villa Politi

Grand Hotel Villa Politi ★★★★★

This grand old villa, dating back to the end of 18th century, is situated in an enviable position on the edge of the famous historic archaeological site Latomie dei Cappuccini. The hotel (the oldest in Siracusa) has been refurbished to a high standard whilst still retaining all of its characteristic charm and elegance. The bedrooms and public areas are elegantly furnished in the traditional style of the hotel. There is a good sized swimming pool with a large surrounding sun terrace and ample space for car parking.

FACILITIES

- 100 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel Villa Politi



Grand Hotel Villa Politi

Siracusa

Henry's House ★★★★★

Lovingly restored, this ancient building in historic Ortigia is a fabulous boutique hotel with superb sea views and quaint little terraces. With its welcoming and friendly service, Henry's House is owned and run by a charming family who have taken great care in renovating the hotel incorporating a wonderful array of antique and contemporary art collected over the years and each of the 12 bedrooms and suites has been individually and lovingly styled with carefully chosen antique and modern furnishings. Breakfast is a plentiful feast of home-cooked delicacies served on the terrace overlooking the sea. The Cathedral and many shops and restaurants are a few minutes walk away.

FACILITIES

- 12 rooms and suites b/s wc
- lounge
- breakfast room
- terrace
- air conditioning
- lift



Henry's House



Henry's House



Alla Giudecca Residence Hotel



Henry's House



Alla Giudecca Residence Hotel



Alla Giudecca Residence Hotel

Alla Giudecca Residence Hotel

★★★★

Set in a magnificent location in the very heart of Ortigia – the historic centre of Siracuse – this charming hotel started life as an ancient Jewish ritual purification baths dating back to the Byzantine period. Discovered only recently and remarkably intact the baths can be visited with the hotel's permission. The entrance to this fifteenth century palazzo is reached through a narrow street and ancient courtyard where you will be welcomed with warm hospitality. The 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments are housed in 2 buildings tastefully and elegantly furnished and include a small kitchenette.

FACILITIES

- 23 1 & 2-bedroom apartments
- breakfast room
- bar
- air conditioning

Siracusa



A Siracusa Street



Hotel Gutkowski

Hotel Gutkowski ★★★

Hotel Gutkowski is situated in a great location on Lungomare di Levante, the waterfront promenade of Ortigia, the small island which is the historical heart of Siracusa and ideally placed for strolling out to restaurants and cafes. This family-owned, small and inviting hotel comprises of two 19th century buildings, once inhabited by craftsmen and fishermen, now tastefully renovated into 25 exclusive rooms retaining the simplistic beauty of the original architecture. The hotel is decorated in a light, minimal, nautical style with every item of furniture chosen carefully to adhere to the relaxed and friendly atmosphere hotel Gutkoski exudes. Each room is unique with some overlooking the ocean.

FACILITIES

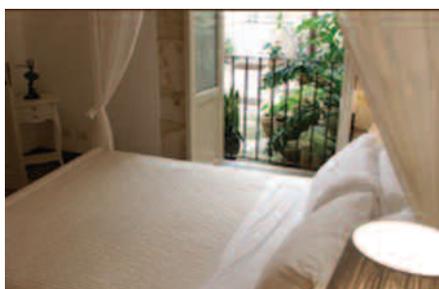
- 25 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- wine bar



Hotel Gutkowski



Fonte Aretusa



La Via della Giudecca

La Via della Giudecca ★★★

Bed and Breakfast

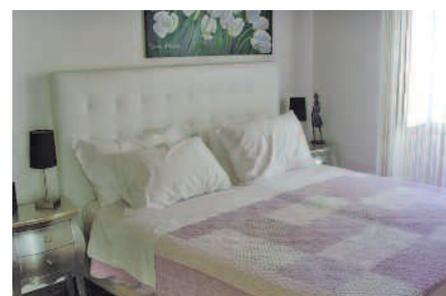
This charming bed and breakfast is located in the old Jewish quarter of the beautiful island of Ortigia, Siracuse's historical heart and just a few minutes walk to restaurants, cafes and shops. The 15th century building of the hotel has been carefully restored to its original splendour, adding to the magic of this enchanting neighbourhood. The bedrooms and bathrooms, in contrast to the hotel's antique exterior, have been lovingly renovated in a very elegant minimalist style to offer every comfort. In addition La via Della Giudecca also has some apartments which are furnished to the same high standard and well-equipped for self-catering.

FACILITIES

- 7 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- air conditioning



La Via della Giudecca



La Via della Giudecca

Siracusa

L'Approdo delle Sirene ★★★

Bed and Breakfast

Sitting close to the harbour front right in the heart of Ortigia the charming L'Approdo delle Sirene is located in an ancient building perfectly placed for exploring this historic city. It offers a warm and friendly welcome. Bedrooms are furnished in the cool Mediterranean style. There is a pretty rooftop terrace with panoramic views across Siracusa and the harbour where breakfast is served in summer. Bicycles are available on request for guests to explore the narrow streets.

FACILITIES

- 8 rooms b/s wc (some with sea view and balcony)
- breakfast room
- rooftop terrace
- air conditioning



L'Approdo delle Sirene



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Noto

Noto lies approximately 52 kilometres southwest of Siracusa. A Unesco World Heritage site it is considered to be the finest baroque town in Sicily. Completely devastated in the earthquake of 1693 the city was rebuilt in the style of the day with beautiful honey-coloured stone buildings with ornate churches and monuments surrounding attractive piazzas. Along its coastline are beautiful unspoilt beaches.

Located between Noto and Ragusa running down between the Iblei mountains is the Vendicari Nature Reserve a large strip of marshy coastline. As a protected habitat for migratory birds it is home to a wide variety of species, among them stork, flamingo and black-winged stilt (adopted as the Vindicari emblem as it is native to the area).

La Corte del Sole ★★★★★

Located on top of a hill La Corte del Sole has great views across the Vendicari Nature Reserve. This 19th century Sicilian manor has been recently restored in the traditional style using the local white stone of Noto and handmade terracotta. With its refined hospitality and friendly atmosphere La Corte del Sole allows you to sample true Sicilian culture. Bedrooms are well-equipped with individual, tasteful furnishings and some have sea view and balcony. Breakfast is served in the old olive and grape press and the restaurant serves typically Sicilian dishes with ethnic influences using seasonal ingredients. Cooking lessons can also be arranged. There is an attractive swimming pool and sun terrace.

FACILITIES

- 34 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- bar
- restaurant
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- mountain bike rental
- shuttle service to beach



La Corte del Sole



La Corte del Sole



La Corte del Sole

Noto

Masseria Degli Ulivi★★★★

Originally a country house dating from the late 1800s the Masseria Degli Ulivi is a typical example of Iblean architecture from this period. It is set in the quiet rural countryside 9 kilometres from Noto. The Masseria surrounds an attractive internal courtyard and is decorated in complimentary rustic style using traditional materials and handmade floor tiles. The extensive gardens rich with olive and carob trees also house a large swimming pool and terrace. The restaurant has an excellent reputation for serving fine local dishes using locally grown seasonal ingredients.

FACILITIES

- 16 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge area
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning



Masseria Degli Ulivi



Masseria Degli Ulivi



Masseria Degli Ulivi



Hotel Villa Mediterranea



Hotel Villa Mediterranea

Hotel Villa Mediterranea★★★★

Located on the picturesque promenade of Noto Marina this is a small, cosy quintessentially Mediterranean hotel. Family-run, it started life as the family's own villa which has a secluded, exotic garden and spectacular sea views. It is the perfect place for a relaxing beach-side break exuding a warm and friendly atmosphere. Here you are also well-placed to explore Noto, the epicentre of Sicilian baroque which also comprises of Scicli, Modica and Ragusa. Also within easy access are the nature reserves of Vendicari, Cava Grande and Pantalica .

FACILITIES

- 15 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- swimming pool
- private beach access
- air conditioning



Hotel Villa Mediterranea

Ragusa & Modica

The province of Ragusa occupies the Southeastern tip of Sicily. Largely off the beaten tourist track its unspoilt coastline of little inlets with natural ports alternating with long sandy beaches make it ideal for bathing.

Ragusa is divided in two by a deep gorge. The old city called Ragusa Ibla (named after the Iblei mountains) and Ragusa Superiore (the modern upper town) were created after the devastating earthquake of 1693 split the city in two. Ragusa Ibla with its network of ancient narrow streets and alleys was reconstructed from the city ruins maintaining its medieval city plan with the addition of new buildings and monuments that transformed it into a gem of Baroque architecture which was the style greatly favoured by the architects of this period. A fine example is the famous church the Basilica di San Giorgio built in 1739 by Rosario Gagliardi one of the leading architects of this time.

Ragusa Superiore was built in line with 18th century standards with wide straight and symmetrical streets at the heart of which lies the richly decorated cathedral of San Giovanni Battista.

Just 8 kilometres southeast of Ragusa lies the baroque town of Modica. Split in two the upper town rescued from the 1693 earthquake is dramatically perched on a ridge on the slopes of the Iblei mountains, and the lower town houses the bustling main street, shops, cafes and piazzas. Modica has a wealth of fine decorative architecture most noticeably in its churches and monuments.



Ragusa



Eremo della Giubiliana

Eremo della Giubiliana ★★★★★

Hidden in the quiet countryside a few kilometres south of Ragusa is this lovingly converted 15th century convent - the Eremo della Giubiliana. Family owned and with a welcoming atmosphere it has retained many ancient artefacts in its meticulous restoration using original materials to create the exquisite country house it is today. Dining is outdoors in the summer months and the hotel is proud to offer good Sicilian cuisine, much of which is organically grown on their extensive estate which includes a swimming pool and a private airfield from where they organise a variety of excursions by air using their own aircraft.

FACILITIES

- 25 rooms b/s wc tv
- restaurant
- lounge/bar
- swimming pool
- mountain bike hire
- private beach (8km)
- air conditioning



Eremo della Giubiliana pool



Eremo della Giubiliana

Ragusa

Hotel Dell Orologio ★★★

Bed and Breakfast and Apartments

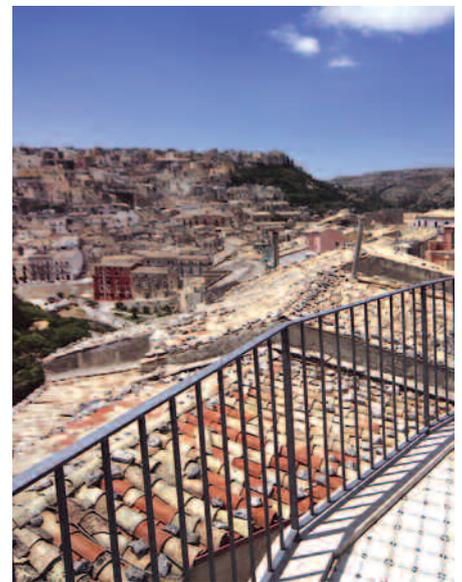
Sitting right in the heart of Ibla Ragusa's historic centre Dell Orologio is a unique hotel in Ragusa. The building dates back to the late 19th Century and consists of a central building with 5 additional annex buildings in the vicinity housing the remainder of the 24 bedrooms and apartments. These have all been named after painters from the Scicli group of artists (whose works adorn the walls) and have been carefully crafted and furnished to reflect the baroque exuberance of Ragusa with simple elegance providing comfortable and spacious accommodation. Attention to detail here is shown in the warm welcome you will receive. It is just a few minutes walk to the Cathedral and many other architectural treasures Ibla has to offer as well as plenty of restaurants, shops and cafes.

FACILITIES

- 24 bedrooms and 1-bedroom apartments bs/wc
- breakfast room
- bar
- air conditioning



San Giorgio church, Ragusa



View from Hotel Dell Orologio terrace



Hotel Dell Orologio



Hotel Dell Orologio



San Giorgio Palace Hotel

San Giorgio Palace Hotel ★★★

Dating back to the 18th Century the building of San Giorgio Palace is just a few steps away from the Piazza Duomo housing the famous majestic Cathedral of San Giorgio in the heart of Ragusa Ibla. With careful restoration completed in 2010 this small, friendly hotel has maintained its original architectural heritage and combined it with a luxurious modern interior. The hotel entrance is reached by a spectacular 42 metres long natural tunnel. Rooms are spacious and well furnished and the restaurant has stunning views over the valley of Santa Domenica.

FACILITIES

- 7 rooms and suites b/s wc
- restaurant
- garden & terrace
- air-conditioning
- lift



San Giorgio Palace Hotel



San Giorgio Palace Hotel

Modica

L'Orangerie Bed and Breakfast ★★☆☆

Tucked away, yet nestling right in the heart of Modica and set among exotic, fragrant citrus gardens is the charming, stylish L'Orangerie. This small and quaint bed and breakfast establishment is family owned and dates back to the latter half of the 19th century. Each bedroom and apartment is styled and decorated to retain its original character and is a perfect blend of historic and contemporary design. The apartments are equipped for self-catering and consist of a lounge with sofa bed and kitchen area, a separate double bedroom and bathroom.

FACILITIES

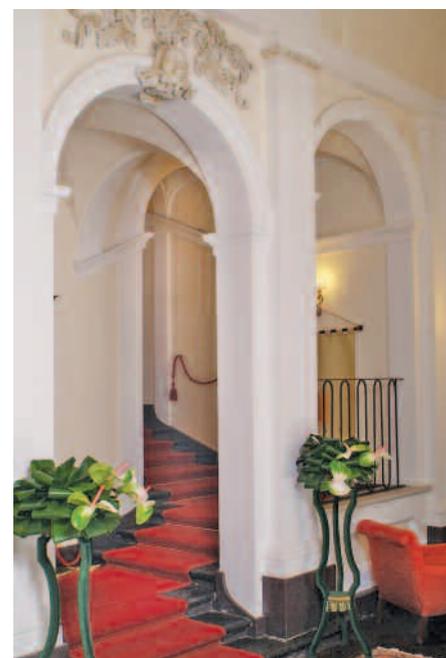
- 5 bedrooms b/s wc
- 2 apartments
- air conditioning



L'Orangerie



L'Orangerie



Palazzo Failla



Palazzo Failla



Palazzo Failla

Palazzo Failla ★★☆☆

Palazzo Failla is a historic mansion set high in the heart of the ancient town of Modica with its wealth of baroque monuments including the stately Cathedral of San Giorgio. With its warm welcoming atmosphere fine attention to detail has been paid to the hotel's interior which maintains much of its original splendour including frescoed ceilings, antique furniture and traditional local ceramics. All the rooms are individually and elegantly styled to offer comfortable accommodation. Palazzo Failla's crowning glory is its fabulous restaurant La Gazza Ladra proudly holding a Michelin star. There is also a café/tea room offering a light menu.

FACILITIES

- 10 rooms b/s wc
- michelin star restaurant
- café/tea room
- bar
- conference room
- air conditioning
- lift

Agrigento

Not only is Agrigento one of Sicily's finest ancient cities, it was also one of the first to have a democratic constitution, written by the philosopher Empedocles, a native of the city, who for centuries dominated medical and physical theories in European history.

The sight of the rising or setting sun gleaming on the soft golden sandstone of the temples is quite unforgettable. Sicily has many ancient ruins, but none surpass the glory that is Agrigento. The structures date back to the fifth and sixth centuries, when it was settled by Greeks from Rhodes and Greek Sicilians. There are nine Doric temples in all, dedicated to various gods. The most well-preserved and striking of them, the Concordia, is arguably the best-preserved temple in the world outside the Hephaestion in Athens. Its excellent state of preservation today comes partly from its use for many centuries later as a Christian church.

It is possible to visit the ruins on one's own from nine in the morning until one hour before sunset, or with one of the specialist guides who vividly bring to life the history and architectural styles of the Valley.

Today, seasonal wild flowers grow among the ruins and temples and provide an idyllic setting for the folklore and musical events held throughout the summer.



Temple of Concordia, Agrigento



Villa Athena



Villa Athena

Villa Athena ★★★★★

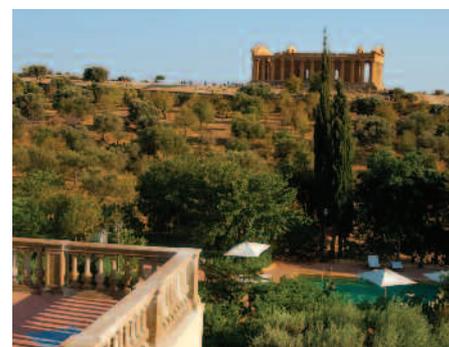
An undoubted attraction of this delightful hotel is its breathtaking location in the Valley Of The Temples archaeological park a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Illuminated at night the Temples provides a spectacular back-drop to enjoying the hotel's excellent cuisine on the outdoor terrace. Originally an 18th century villa the hotel has recently undergone complete refurbishment and offers tastefully decorated bedrooms and suites boasting fine furnishings whilst maintaining the style of the original villa.. The gardens filled with citrus and olive trees and the swimming pool with surrounding sun terrace are a perfect way to relax and enjoy the unique view of the Temple Of Concordia.

FACILITIES

- 27 rooms and suites (some with Temple view)
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning



Villa Athena



Villa Athena



Villa Athena

Agrigento

Colleverde Park Hotel ★★★★★

You will be greeted with a warm welcome here. Set in lush colourful parkland overlooking the sea and the Valley Of The Temples hotel Colleverde Park is ideally located for visiting this historic archaeological treasure. It is located approximately 2 kilometres from the city centre and offers modern, comfortable accommodation adorned with Sicilian furniture and local ceramics. The delightful mediterranean gardens are a wonderful place to relax in after exploring the Temple ruins which can be reached on foot with a 15 minute walk or a short drive. Dining is al fresco in the summer months with the restaurant serving a fine combination of good local and international dishes.

FACILITIES

- 53 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- air-conditioning
- lift



Colleverde Park Hotel



A Greek temple at Agrigento



Colleverde Park Hotel



Baglio della Luna

Baglio della Luna ★★★★★

Located just a few kilometres from the centre of Agrigento this charming hotel is ideally placed for visiting the ancient Temples and enjoying the beach. Set in the countryside among the Valley of the Temples it is also a short walk to the long sandy beach of San Leone. The building of the Baglio dates back to the 18th century and offers classic style accommodation in attractive surroundings. Bedrooms are located in the main Baglio and the ancient watchtower. There is a small wellness centre and hot tub. Baglio della Luna enjoys wonderful views of the ancient Temples which being flood-lit at night are a spectacular sight to enjoy whilst dining in the hotel's attractive courtyard and wandering through the luxuriant gardens. The hotel's restaurant has a good reputation for excellent Sicilian cuisine.

FACILITIES

- 23 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- hot tub
- garden
- air conditioning



Baglio della Luna



Baglio della Luna



Selinunte

Located between Agrigento and Marsala on the west coast of Sicily Selinunte is home to the impressive remains of 8 Greek Temples. This westernmost colony was founded around 650BC and clashes with Segesta and its Carthaginian allies followed by earthquakes later devastated the area. The gigantic size of the resurrected Temples suggests its enormous wealth and prosperity in its heyday. Below the archaeological site is a coastline of unspoilt beautiful golden beaches. Trapani airport is an easy drive away.



Greek Temple at Selinunte

Villa Sogno ★★★★★

Located in the unspoilt countryside near Castelvetrano and Selinunte and just a few minutes from beautiful pristine beaches this small family run hotel is a little gem. Villa Sogno dates back to 1900 and was completely restored in 2006 in the neo-classic style. With just 6 individually and elegantly furnished rooms it offers the comfort of an hotel, the ambience of a private house and the services of a great bed and breakfast. The swimming pool and sun terrace are a great place to relax in the gardens of citrus and olive trees. There is also a small gymnasium.



Villa Sogno

FACILITIES

- 6 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- lounge/reading room
- swimming pool (approx May - Oct.)
- gymnasium
- air conditioning



Baglio San Vincenzo



Villa Sogno



Villa Sogno



Baglio San Vincenzo

Baglio San Vincenzo ★★★★★

Sitting in the heart of the countryside and enveloped by lush vineyards, citrus and olive groves Baglio San Vincenzo is located 2.5 kilometres from Menfi, a 30 minute drive from Selinunte and 15 minutes to the coast with its fine sandy beaches. This rural agriturismo residence, parts of which date back to the 17th century is built comprising of a small cluster of buildings surrounding an attractive courtyard. There are 12 bedrooms and suites each furnished in traditional Sicilian style. Locally produced wine can be sampled at Baglio San Vincenzo's restaurant which also houses an ancient mill-stone once used for crushing grapes.

FACILITIES

- 12 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool and terrace
- air conditioning

Erice & Valderice

Dating back 3,000 years the setting of the tiny city of Erice close to Palermo is incomparable. The mediaeval town which nestles some 2,464 feet above the sea is surrounded by vineyards in the mountains behind Trapani. The town is fortified and in its pretty, narrow streets the bustle of modern life is a world away, the atmosphere redolent of the past. As well as a Norman castle Erice has many churches and chapels and its town hall houses an archaeological museum. Historically, Erice was a religious centre to fertility gods, the Phoenician Astarte, the Greek Aphrodite and the Roman Venus.

A short drive from the foot of Erice will bring you to the small town of Valderice. Here you are ideally placed for visiting the stunning Zingaro Nature Reserve which is a conservation area consisting of 7 kilometres of stunning wild clifftop walks boasting over 700 varieties of trees and flowers and home to many rare species of birds. In the reserve are also remains of a Stone Age settlement.



Hotel Moderno

Hotel Moderno ★★★

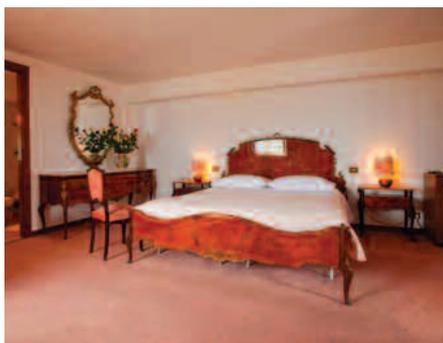
Although its name may sound somewhat incongruous in this ancient hilltop town, the family-run Moderno is a delightful hotel, famed for its outstanding Sicilian cuisine and excellent friendly service. The bedrooms, some of which are in an annexe across the road, are spacious whilst the cosy public rooms feature stylish modern furnishings including locally-made rugs. The town centre is a short steep walk away.

FACILITIES

- 40 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge/bar



Hotel Moderno



Hotel Moderno



Hotel Baglio Santa Croce



Hotel Baglio Santa Croce



Hotel Baglio Santa Croce

Hotel Baglio Santa Croce ★★★

Formally a country manor, this ancient property at the foot of Erice dates back to 1637. Converted into an attractive hotel the Baglio is sympathetically decorated with traditional antique terracotta tiled floors and wooden-beamed ceilings. The bedrooms in the old building are simply but tastefully furnished in similar rustic style with iron bedsteads and the cool stone walls make air conditioning unnecessary. A charming extension has recently been added, built around a courtyard in the traditional style of the old baglio and has a roof terrace with stunning views. Guests have a choice of a room in the old or new building. Surrounded by rural countryside the hotel is in a quiet location with attractive gardens, swimming pool and sun terrace. The restaurant is popular for its good Sicilian cuisine.

FACILITIES

- 67 rooms b/s wc (some with sea view)
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- congress hall
- air conditioning (in new building)

San Vito Lo Capo

Jutting out at the northwest tip of Sicily is the rugged coastline of San Vito Lo Capo. A pretty, unspoilt resort renowned for its long stretch of glorious white sandy beach against a backdrop of jagged mountains, it has a bustling harbour filled with fashionable yachts and many good restaurants and trattorias serving local specialities, including seafood and couscous. Much of the small town is pedestrianised and lined with tempting cafés, bars and shops.

Its origins as an ancient Roman port can still be seen near the town's old tuna fishery where fish

was kept in offshore stone fish tanks. At San Vito Lo Capo there is the entrance to the Zingaro nature reserve – over 7 kilometres of stunning cliff-top walks through an amazing 700 varieties of fragrant Mediterranean trees, flowers and shrubs and many species of migrant and indigenous birds including eagles and peregrine falcons. There are also remnants of stone-age settlements and paths leading down to beach coves for secluded bathing.



Zingaro National Reserve



Capo San Vito

Capo San Vito ★★★★★

Hotel Capo San Vito is in an enviable location on the beautiful silver sandy beach of this small seaside resort on the Northwest tip of Sicily. With a famous couscous festival every September the resort is renowned for its Moroccan influence which is evident in many dishes served in the hotel's excellent restaurant. This is beautifully positioned opening out on to a garden terrace on the beach. There is also a garden bar for lunchtime snacks or an evening tipple. Bedrooms are well furnished in warm colours and modern in style. All have balconies and some overlook the sea. It is a few minutes walk into the centre of town and a short drive to the Zingaro nature reserve

FACILITIES

- 35 deluxe rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- private beach with services (payable locally)
- wellness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Capo San Vito



Capo San Vito



Capo San Vito

San Vito Lo Capo

Hotel Zingaro ★★★

This small charming hotel is family run and ideally situated for the town centre and sandy beach of San Vito Lo Capo approx 6 minutes walk away. The hotel has a large roof terrace with sun beds and Jacuzzi available in high season and its restaurant opens onto an attractive courtyard terrace for alfresco dining. With its cool tiles and wrought iron furniture hotel Zingaro is tastefully furnished and offers a comfortable, welcoming stay.

FACILITIES

- 9 rooms b/s balcony
- restaurant
- bar
- roof terrace
- air conditioning



Hotel Zingaro



Hotel Zingaro



Hotel Zingaro



Hotel Zingaro



Hotel Araba Fenice

Hotel Araba Fenice ★★★

Araba Fenice is a small 2-storey modern hotel built in 2005 in the traditional low-rise style of the area. The beautiful white powder-sand beach is a few metres away where guests can take advantage of complimentary deck chairs and umbrellas. The town centre is also just a stroll away with its fine array of shops, cafes and restaurants - many serving local dishes with a North African influence. Having only 10 rooms you will receive a very warm and friendly service from the proprietor and staff who are keen to extend their local knowledge and arrange excursions to places such as the Zingaro Nature Reserve and Selinunte.

FACILITIES

- 10 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- bar
- courtyard garden
- air conditioning



Hotel Araba Fenice

San Vito Lo Capo

Hotel Trinacria ★★★

This attractive hotel is in a great location in San Vito Lo Capo a 5 minute walk to the hotel's private beach with complimentary deck chairs and umbrellas and a few minutes to the town centre. The 14 bedrooms are a good size, simply but nicely furnished with good facilities including fridge-bar. Hotel Trinacria has a large sun terrace where breakfast is served in summer and boasts a good restaurant serving local cuisine at lunch and dinner. Local excursions can be arranged from here or for guests with a hire car the Zingaro Nature Reserve with its fabulous coastal walks is a 12 kilometre drive away. Trapani, Erice and the Egadi islands are also easily accessible by car or excursion.

FACILITIES

- 14 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- terrace
- private beach
- air conditioning



Hotel Trinacria



Castellamere Del Golfo



Hotel Trinacria



Palermo

Palermo on the north west coast of Sicily is the island's capital city and one of its leading ports. Of all Sicily's cities, it most strikingly embraces all aspects of the island's later history from the Arab, Norman and Spanish invasions to the influences of the Belle Epoque era. The differing styles of architecture and artistic treasures are a feast for the eyes, while the city's turbulent history is ever-present in the busy streets. Visitors can sample the animated local lifestyle in the enormous open markets, particularly the Vucciria, or delve into the historic past in the Cathedral, huge churches like Santa Caterina, a

splendid example of Sicilian baroque, museums, magnificent palaces, beautiful squares and a wonderful botanical garden.

For anyone looking for alternatives to city centre sights, Palermo has a fascinating hinterland. Day or half-day trips offer the beautiful Norman monastery at Monreale in the mountains behind Palermo, the brooding lonely Greek ruins of Segesta and Selinunte, or the rustic pleasures of the natural park in the Madonie mountains. All visitors to Palermo should try the city's famous pasta con sarde at least once. Listing its diverse ingredients - salted sardines, sultanas, pine nuts, fennel, tomato sauce and saffron - gives only a hint of the combined flavours of this exhilarating dish. If you favour sandy beaches then Palermo's popular resort of Mondello has a 2km stretch of fine golden coastline



San Giovanni Degli Eremiti - Palermo

Palermo

Grand Hotel Villa Igiea ★★★★★

One of the most beautiful luxury hotels in Sicily, the world famous Villa Igiea was built and magnificently decorated in 1898. The elegant and spacious public rooms have preserved many of their original furnishings and decor and are a most stunning feature. The bedrooms, too, are grandly furnished in the same style and have views towards the gardens and harbour. The hotel is surrounded by extensive tropical terraced gardens which lead down to the attractive swimming pool and sun terrace overlooking the sea and harbour.

FACILITIES

- 116 rooms b/s wc tv minibar
- 6 suites
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- tennis
- air conditioning
- lift



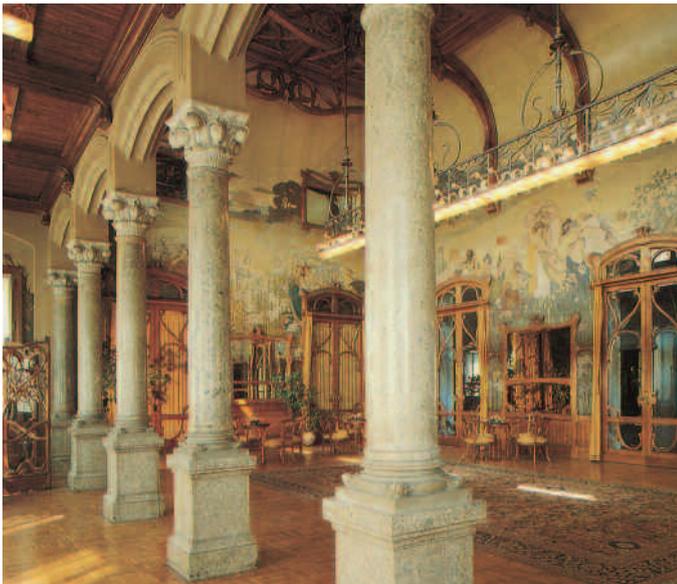
Grand Hotel Villa Igiea



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Grand Hotel et Des Palmes



Grand Hotel Villa Igiea



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Grand Hotel et Des Palmes

Grand Hotel et Des Palmes ★★★★★

Built in 1856 originally as a private residence the Des Palmes was converted to an hotel in 1907 by one of Italy's foremost Art Nouveau architects. It's stylish public rooms have an elegant charm about them making for a nostalgic and friendly atmosphere. The hotel is located in the heart of this ancient city on the Via Roma - known for it's fine selection of smart shops and good restaurants - and very close to many of Palermo's famous monuments making it an ideal place from which to explore on foot.

FACILITIES

- 182 rooms b/s wc tv minibar
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- air conditioning
- lift

Palermo

Centrale Palace ★★★★★

Dating from the 18th century hotel Centrale Palace is set in a prime location in the historical heart of Palermo and is perfectly placed for exploring this vibrant city on foot. Originally built as an aristocratic residence the hotel was restored to its former splendour in 2003 and boasts a lavishly decorated interior including frescos and antique furnishings and a relaxing sun terrace. Of the hotel's 2 excellent restaurants one is situated on the panoramic terrace overlooking the old city and the domes of the famous Teatro Massimo.

FACILITIES

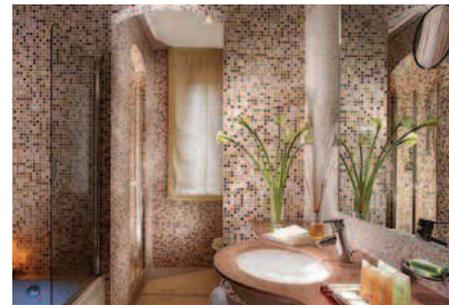
- 104 rooms
- 2 restaurants
- bar
- small gymnasium
- garage parking (payable locally)



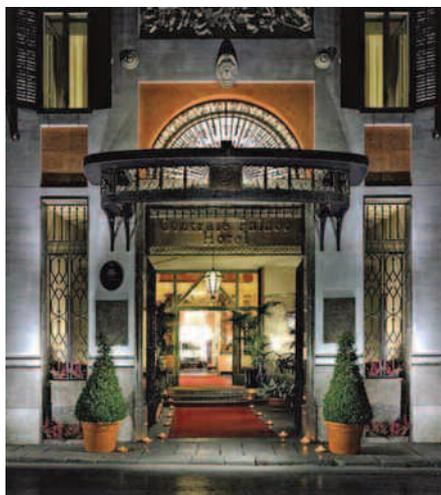
Hotel Centrale Palace



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Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa



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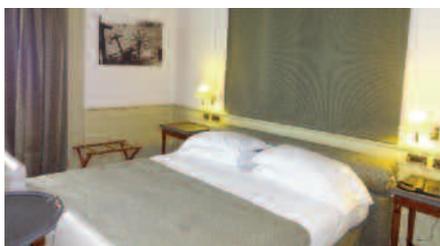
Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa ★★★★★

Tucked around the corner from the busy main streets of Palermo's city centre you will find Grand hotel Piazza Borsa. It's well appointed central location is close to many major attractions including the church of San Francesco d'Assisi and the Quattro Canti and makes it an ideal choice for those wishing to explore the wealth of important monuments that Palermo boasts. The central area of the hotel dates back to the 16th Century when it started life as a convent and its key feature is

the imposing cloister courtyard transformed into a lounge flooded with light. Bedrooms are elegantly furnished in contemporary style. Service here is friendly and welcoming.

FACILITIES

- 127 rooms b/s wc
- lounge/bar
- restaurant
- wellness centre/gym
- air conditioning
- lift



Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa

Palermo

Hotel Posta ★★★

This charming and characterful 1920s hotel is known as the "artists hotel" as it has attracted many famous actors over the years whose photographs adorn the breakfast room's walls. From the moment you arrive you will be immersed in its warm and friendly atmosphere. Hotel Posta is in a great location in the historic centre having the advantage of being just off the Via Roma – one of Palermo's smartest shopping streets – yet quiet and very centrally positioned just a short stroll away from key landmarks including Teatro Massimo and Teatro Politeama. Rooms are decorated in elegant contemporary style.

FACILITIES

- 30 rooms b/s wc
- lounge/bar
- complimentary shuttle to private beach area
- air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Posta



Hotel Posta



Palermo Cathedral



Palazzo Lungarini



Palazzo Lungarini



Palazzo Lungarini

Palazzo Lungarini Bed and Breakfast

An ancient baroque building with an attractive courtyard Palazzo Lungarini sits in the heart of the historic centre of Palermo. This exclusive little B+B has just 3 bedrooms and is regally furnished with traditional Sicilian antiques and exudes elegance and comfort with attention to detail being paramount. Extending a very warm welcome to her guests the charming owner Luna Figurelli is a fountain of knowledge in Sicilian art and history and on hand to help you plan your sightseeing in Palermo. Staying here you are perfectly placed to explore the delights of Palermo on foot and the train station is less than 10 minutes walk away. There is also a 3-bedroom apartment.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms (bathrooms in hallway)
- 1 3-bedroom/2 bathroom apartment
- lounge

Monreale

The most splendid monument of the middle ages stands in the small town of Monreale (which means royal mountain) situated 8 kilometres southwest of Palermo. This world famous Norman Cathedral, built by William II in 1174 is regarded as one of the finest edifices in Italy. It displays precious bronze doors and houses magnificent 12th century gold Byzantine mosaics. By climbing the Cathedral's tall tower you will be rewarded with breathtaking views of the lush countryside and extensive vineyards of the Conca d'Oro valley. Another of its treasures to be savoured is the fine cloister with over 200 columns - all unique in design and many inlaid with glass mosaics - which is all that remains of the Benedictine Abbey.



Monreale Cathedral



Hotel Baglio Conca d'Oro

Baglio Conca d'Oro ★★★★★

The charming Baglio Conca d'Oro dates back to the 18th Century. It started life as a paper mill and has been tastefully transformed into this attractive hotel. Elegantly furnished it is small and intimate with the building surrounding its pretty open courtyard. The hotel is located a couple of kilometres from the historic centre of Monreale most famous for its imposing Cathedral. The hotel provides a shuttle service to Palermo which is 7 kilometres away.

FACILITIES

- 27 rooms bs/wc
- restaurant
- bar
- shuttle service to Palermo
- air conditioning
- lift

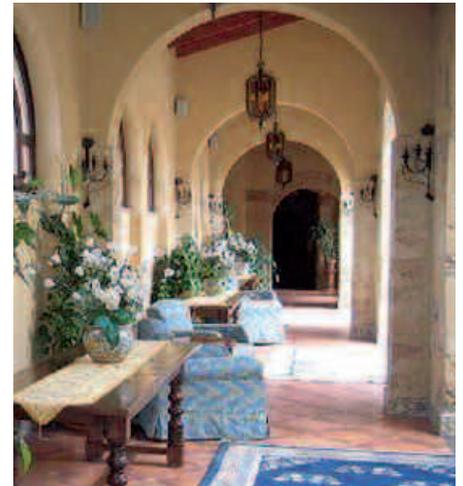
Cefalù

In Cefalù, the visitor has a glimpse of the everyday life of Sicilians. The town, once inhabited solely by fishermen and sailors going about their daily tasks, is now becoming a major tourist resort.

Its setting is idyllic, hugging the coast with narrow picturesque streets running down to the harbour and beaches and the whole town situated around a gigantic rock, the Cephaloedium. The town was originally a stronghold of the Himerians, but it was later conquered by the Romans, Saracens and Normans, so it has the characteristic ruins and churches which pepper so much of Sicily. The cathedral is one of the finest examples of Norman architecture, begun by Roger II in 1131, with the apse and presbytery decorated with what may be the oldest and arguably the best-preserved mosaics of the mediaeval era in Sicily. There are easy day trips to the Aeolian Islands, and the bargain ceramics centre of S. Stefano di Camastro with its roadside shops is only a few miles to the east. Westward lies Termini Imerese, an ancient spa where thermal waters can still be drunk, and which has been restored to peace and tranquillity since the new motorway has cut it off from the main traffic route.



Cefalù Cathedral



Hotel Baglio Conca d'Oro



Cefalù

Cefalù

Alberi Del Paradiso ★★★★★

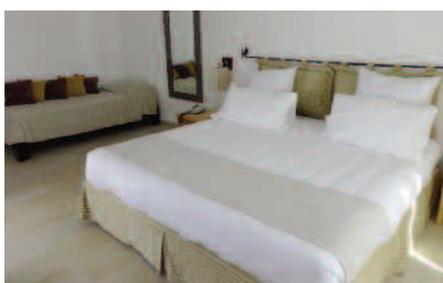
In a peaceful location perched on a hill above the popular resort of Cefalu the Alberi Del Paradiso is surrounded by extensive gardens with secluded terraces. It has a large swimming pool and sun terrace and also operates a free shuttle service in high season to its private area of beach with sun beds and umbrellas. The hotel is attractively decorated and offers a high standard of service with a warm friendly atmosphere. The hotel restaurant has an excellent reputation for serving fine cuisine. Cefalu beach and town are a steep 7 – 10 minute walk away.

FACILITIES

- 55 rooms b/s wc (most with sea view and balcony)
- restaurant and outdoor dining terrace
- bar
- swimming pool and sun terrace
- private beach
- fitness centre
- air conditioning
- lift



Alberi Del Paradiso



Alberi Del Paradiso



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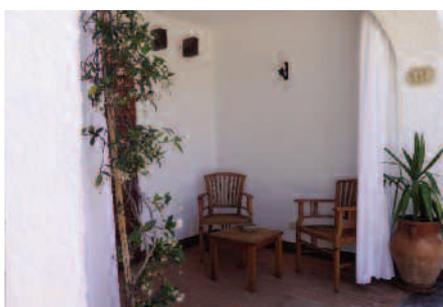
Hotel Le Calette

Hotel Le Calette ★★★★★

This typically Mediterranean-style hotel is situated just outside the centre of Cefalu (approximately 15-20 mins walk). It is in an elevated position overlooking the sea. Steps from the hotel's garden take you down to a private bathing terrace on to the sea. Le Calette bedrooms are made up of a small complex of 2-storey, whitewashed buildings which are clustered around the swimming pool and garden. They are elegantly furnished and have patios or terraces overlooking the sea and/or garden. The restaurant serves excellent Sicilian and international dishes. There is a free shuttle service to the hotel's private beach shared with sister hotel Alberi del Paradiso.

FACILITIES

- 60 rooms b/s wc sea or garden view
- restaurant
- bar and beach bar
- swimming pool
- spa
- private beach
- air conditioning



Hotel Le Calette



Hotel Le Calette

Cefalù

Hotel Kalura ★★★

Situated just outside the picturesque fishing town of Cefalù, the Kalura is in a quiet location on a cliff top. The hotel has its own private sandy beach which is reached by a long flight of steps down from the hotel. Providing excellent value for money the hotel offers a range of leisure activities which include tennis and mini golf. There is also a large swimming pool and an outdoor dining terrace. The bedrooms are comfortable and well furnished. The town centre is approximately 2 km away (20 minutes walk).

FACILITIES

- 80 rooms b/s wc
- 2 restaurants
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool & children's pool
- bicycle hire
- tennis
- table tennis
- mini golf
- air conditioning (payable locally)
- lift



Hotel Kalura



Hotel Kalura



Hotel Kalura



Riva del Sole



Riva del Sole

Riva del Sole ★★★★★

This small family-run hotel occupies a central position opposite the beautiful golden sandy beach and promenade of Cefalù. Just a few minutes' walk away is the town centre with its many fine shops and restaurants and boasting a superb Norman cathedral. The Riva del Sole has a warm, welcoming atmosphere and among its facilities are a roof-top terrace overlooking the sea, a patio garden where breakfast is served in summer and a cosy bar.

FACILITIES

- 28 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- lift



Aeolian Islands



Marina Corta Lipari

The Aeolian islands are a group of seven volcanic islands just 45 minutes by hydrofoil from Milazzo and 1 hour 15 minutes from Messina. Famed for centuries by the cognoscenti for their association with Greek and Roman civilisations the islands offer a different and slightly mysterious world from that of mainland Sicily. The oldest are Alicudi and Filicudi which are approximately 1 million years old and the most recent are Vulcano and Stromboli which still have volcanic activity.

Architecture here is quite unique with houses built from the local lava and pumice stone and mainly painted white. Only Lipari and Salina permit cars from outside and the smaller islands offer the rare experience today of an almost vehicle-free environment. Services between the islands are good and visitors have a choice of hydrofoils or more leisurely car ferries.

Vulcano is the closest to Sicily's mainland and its lunar landscape still shows traces of the last eruption in 1890 which shaped its rocky coastline. It is possible to walk to the crater's

peak – and also experience the pungent smell of the sulphurous gas it exudes. Its beach is of fine, soft black sand, the sea bubbling with hot springs and its famous hot mud pool is reputed to cure rheumatic ailments.

Lipari is the largest and liveliest of the islands and according to mythology claims that it was the home of Aeolus, god of winds, who gave Ulysses a bag of winds to assist him during his ten-year Odyssey around the eastern Mediterranean Sea. Among its attractions Lipari has a superb archaeological museum, spa baths and Roman sauna cave. A trip round the island by scooter is the best way to explore the small villages and admire the breathtaking views of the other islands.

The second largest island, also the highest is **Salina**. With its twin peaks it is surprisingly green and fertile. It is here that the grapes for the famous dessert wine malvasia are grown along with capers and olives. The island, consisting of three small towns, is quiet and relaxing.

Panarea is the smallest and arguably the most beautiful of the islands with stunning views of Stromboli. Very fashionable with the "jet-set" in the summer months, it has clear blue waters surrounding a rocky coastline and is much favoured by scuba divers and snorkellers. With the absence of cars and with its rich and colourful sub-tropical vegetation Panarea is a prime example of how life can still be lived at nature's pace.

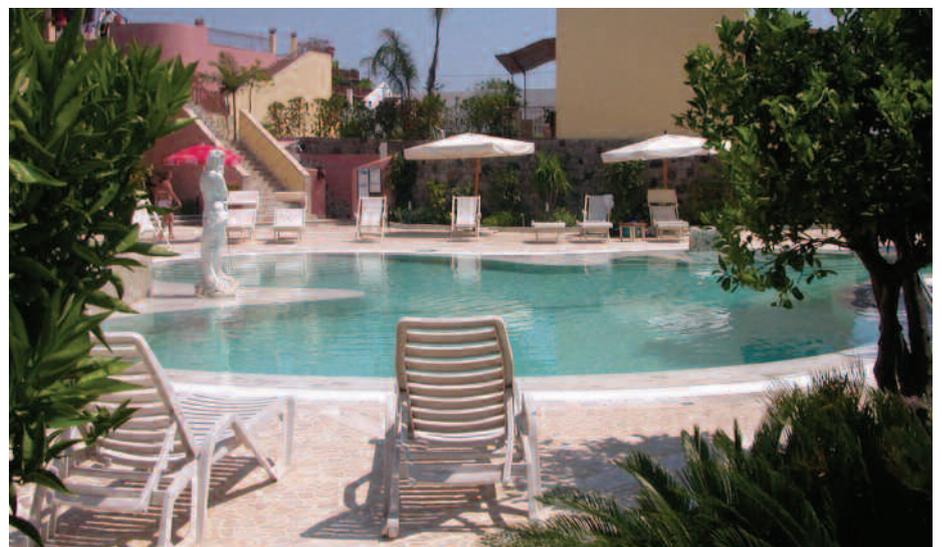
Stromboli is the furthest away from the mainland. It is most famous for its spectacular "fireworks" display and is the only volcano in Europe with permanently eruptive activity. An early evening climb to the crater can be undertaken with a guide and takes approximately three hours to go up – two to come down.

The crystal clear waters surrounding the Aeolian islands make it a diving and snorkelling haven. Courses at all levels can be arranged and equipment hired locally.

Lipari



Hotel Tritone



Hotel Tritone pool



Hotel Tritone

Hotel Tritone ★★★★★

This recently constructed hotel is built in the cool Mediterranean style. Situated just on the edge of town yet only 5-10 minutes walk from the centre of Lipari the Tritone is surrounded by pretty gardens with swimming pool which has natural spring water and hydromassage therapy and a large sun terrace. The hotel has been elegantly furnished to a modern high standard and all the well appointed bedrooms overlook the sea, have a private terrace and have satellite tv. The bathrooms are equipped with hydro-massage systems.

FACILITIES

- 39 rooms b/s wc, terrace (some with seas view)
- breakfast room
- swimming pool
- poolside bar
- health/beauty treatment centre
- air conditioning
- lift

Lipari

Aeolian Islands

Hotel Mea ★★★★★

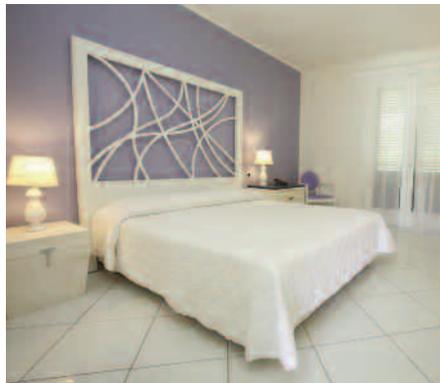
This hotel is a haven of modern luxury built on traditional, local ideals. The brilliantly white exterior of the hotel terrace and pool area, and the beautiful panoramic view the terrace beholds has an immediate calming effect on guests. Hotel Mea is situated centrally at only a five minute walk from the port, yet peacefully tucked away from any unwanted noise or traffic. Rooms open out onto meandering garden pathways which are ornamented with ulive (olive trees), a Sicilian talisman of good luck. The sophisticated restaurant Chimera, boasts a traditional menu comprising of locally sourced vegetables, fruit, and fresh fish. The interior of the hotel is a refreshing fusion of a modern minimalist taste, a traditional Eolian style, as well as Moorish undertones, as a result of which each room is uniquely adorned and decorated. Guests can enjoy the idyllic terrace and pool area as the hotel hosts open air aperitivo, cocktail hour and on occasion live music events.

FACILITIES

- 37 rooms b/s wc - most with patio sea/mountain view
- 2 garden suites
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool with hydromassage area
- air conditioning
- lift



Hotel Mea



Hotel Mea



Residence la Giara



Residence la Giara

Residence La Giara ★★★★★

La Giara combines the freedom of self catering with the luxury of 4* hotel service with breakfast included, served in their breakfast room and daily maid service. This small complex of apartments is set in pretty gardens with swimming pool in a quiet location approximately 200 metres from the centre of Lipari and a few minutes from the harbour. The Residence is of typical Aeolian architecture and has well-equipped modern accommodation consisting of studios for 2 and 3 people and 1-bedroom apartments for 4 - 6 people. All have a balcony or terrace. Laundry service is available if required.

FACILITIES

- 20 apartments b/s wc
- laundry
- swimming pool
- air conditioning
- breakfast included



Residence la Giara



Residence la Giara

Lipari

Aeolian Islands

Giardino sul Mare

★★★Superior

The 'garden over the sea' is just that. Perched at the water's edge and set amidst lush tropical gardens looking out over the bay of Lipari, the Giardino sul Mare is ideally placed for the harbour, and the town centre can easily be reached within approx 6 minutes walk. Set within the grounds is the swimming pool (and small children's pool) and surrounding sun terrace. There are also steps down onto the rocks into the sea. The hotel restaurant serves excellent local cuisine.

FACILITIES

- 46 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge/bar
- swimming pool
- tv room
- air conditioning
- lift



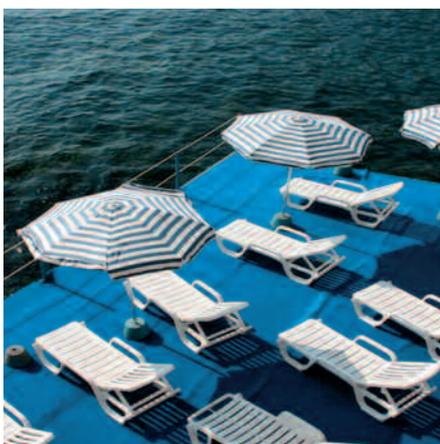
Giardino sul Mare



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Rocce Azzurre bathing Platform

Rocce Azzurre ★★★Superior

This small and enchanting family-run hotel enjoys an excellent position right on the edge of a rocky promontory directly above the sea, commanding spectacular views across the bay. It is a short walk from the harbour and approx 6 minutes walk from the town centre. Simply furnished in Mediterranean style the Rocce Azzurre also has a private bathing platform with sun beds and a pretty outdoor dining terrace festooned with climbing plants, where guests can relax in this tranquil setting.

FACILITIES

- 33 rooms b/s wc sea view
- restaurant & terrace
- bar
- air conditioning
- lift



Rocce Azzurre



Quattrocchi, Lipari



Rocce Azzurre

Lipari

Aeolian Islands

Hotel Oriente ★★★

You will receive a very warm welcome in this delightful small family-run hotel. The Oriente is located in a quiet area yet only a minute's walk from the town centre with its many shops, bars and restaurants and 10 minutes' walk to the harbour. The bedrooms are comfortable and well furnished and there is a pretty garden where breakfast is served in summer. A unique feature of the hotel's interior is the owner's interesting and extensive collection of antique artifacts.

FACILITIES

- 31 rooms b/s wc
- breakfast room
- lounge/bar
- air conditioning



Hotel Oriente



Hotel Oriente



Villa Enrica



Lipari Street



Lipari Harbour



Villa Enrica

Villa Enrica ★★★

This charming boutique hotel is set on a hill just above Lipari town with picturesque views of the island's bay and harbour. Extensive Mediterranean gardens including olive, almond and citrus groves surround the swimming pool and sun terrace making it a haven of peace and tranquility. Villa Enrica is attractively decorated using a fine mix of locally sourced materials combined with a modern flair and each of the 11 individually styled bedrooms has its own furnished patio with sea or garden view. In fine weather breakfast is served on a pretty terrace overlooking the sea. The hotel offers a free shuttle service to and from Lipari town and harbour which takes just a few minutes or on foot the journey time is approximately 7 minutes – uphill coming back takes a little longer. Here you are ideally placed for visiting the other Aeolian Islands by hydrofoil and ferry.

FACILITIES

- 11 rooms b/s wc patio
- breakfast room and terrace
- swimming pool
- gardens
- air conditioning

Panarea

Aeolian Islands

Hotel Quartara ★★★★★

Located approximately 5 minutes walk from the port this small family-managed hotel offers a warm and charming welcome to the tiny island of Panarea. Typically Aeolian in style with its cool whitewashed buildings hotel Quartara is thoughtfully furnished using local materials including lava stone floors and hand-crafted furniture and decorated with locally painted ceramics. The hotel's Broccia restaurant has acquired a justifiably excellent reputation for creating good local and international dishes using locally grown produce.

FACILITIES

- 13 rooms b/s wc some with sea view and balcony
- restaurant
- bar
- tv room
- jacuzzi with hydromassage
- air conditioning



Hotel Quartara



Hotel Quartara



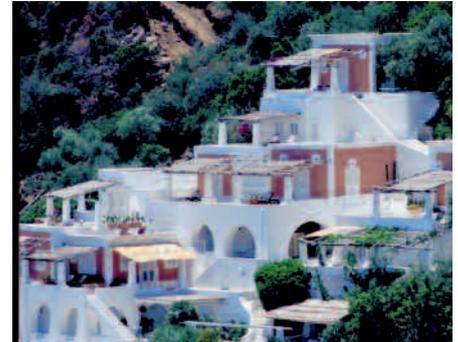
Hotel Quartara



Panarea



Hotel Raya



Hotel Raya



Hotel Raya

Hotel Raya ★★★Superior

Nestling into the rocks of Panarea is the exclusive Hotel Raya. With its mixture of Aeolian and oriental tastes this most unconventional of hotels is the perfect place to relax and watch the fireworks of Stromboli gently erupting in the distance. The main part of the hotel is situated near the harbour and some 300 metres away up a steep slope with steps are the first-class rooms, each with breathtaking views of Stromboli (a short distance away by boat) and private terrace, ideal for those seeking privacy and seclusion. The hotel's popular restaurant serves a good mix of Sicilian and Mediterranean dishes. Its recently added swimming pool is a fabulous addition

FACILITIES

- 35 rooms b/s wc
- restaurant
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- water sports available to hire

Salina

Aeolian Islands

Hotel Signum ★★★★★

Occupying a panoramic location in this beautiful tranquil island hotel Signum is located in the sleepy village of Malfa on the north coast of Salina. Oozing charm and warm hospitality this family-run hotel is made up of a cluster of traditional pastel coloured Aeolian buildings dotted amongst pretty, lush gardens where each bedroom is tastefully and individually decorated in traditional style with fine linens. The bathrooms include natural products used in their exclusive spa and wellness centre where an extensive range of treatments are available. The Signum's restaurant is renowned for its excellent cuisine – particularly seafood - and fine wine. The swimming pool and terrace have breathtaking views of Panarea and sunsets are magnificent. A short walk through the hotel gardens will lead you to the town and nearby pebble beach.

FACILITIES

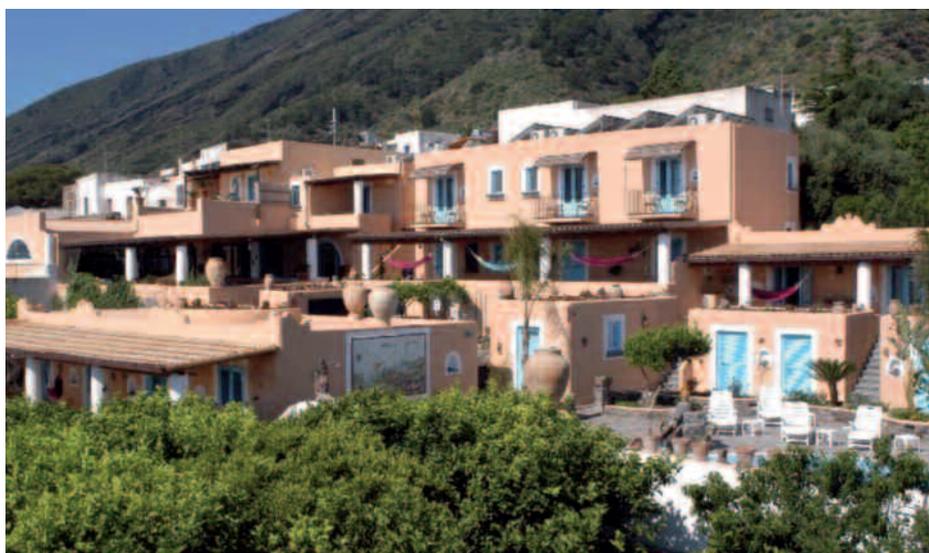
- 30 rooms bs wc
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- spa and wellness centre
- air conditioning



Hotel Signum



Hotel Signum



Hotel Mamma Santina



Hotel Signum



Hotel Mamma Santina



Hotel Mamma Santina

Hotel Mamma Santina ★★★

Located in a quiet location 200 metres from the beach and 400 metres from the port of Santa Marina this welcoming family-run hotel is perched on a hill at the top of Santa Marina village. Built and furnished in the attractive Aeolian style typical of the island architecture the hotel also has an excellent restaurant with panoramic views serving mouth-watering local dishes created from traditional Sicilian recipes. Surrounding its swimming pool is a large sun terrace overlooking the islands of Panarea and Stromboli.

FACILITIES

- 16 rooms with sea or garden view balcony/terrace
- restaurant
- bar
- swimming pool
- air conditioning

Stromboli

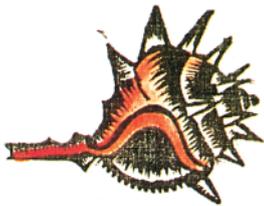
Aeolian Islands

La Sirenetta Park ★★★★★

The hotel La Sirenetta on the brooding island of Stromboli occupies a fabulous sea-front location and is just a short walk from the harbour. In front of the hotel the black sandy beach makes a stunning contrast to the clear turquoise sea. The hotel is typically Aeolian in style built in white stone and surrounded by beautiful flower-filled gardens. The hotel prides itself on its friendly service and excellent local cuisine. From here you can climb the constantly erupting volcano – guides can be hired locally for the more adventurous. You may also take a course in scuba-diving, wind-surfing or water-skiing. In front of the hotel is the black soft sandy beach which is in stunning contrast to the clear turquoise sea.

FACILITIES

- 45 rooms b/s wc
- lounge
- bar
- swimming pool
- tennis court
- beauty centre
- water sports available to hire



La Sirenetta Park



La Sirenetta Park



Stromboli Beach

Vulcano

Aeolian Islands



Therasia



Therasia



Therasia

Vulcano Therasia Resort

★★★★★

Situated in a quiet, stunning location on the Vulcanello promontory of Vulcano the Therasia has unique, breath-taking views of all 7 of the Aeolian Islands. Using only local materials the hotel has been beautifully reconstructed with marble and terracotta tiles and lava stone from Mount Etna. The cool Mediterranean style bedrooms are elegantly furnished with soft pastel linens and attractive stone bathrooms. The hotel's L'Arcipelago restaurant which serves a good mix of Sicilian and Mediterranean dishes offers dining on its long terrace with panoramic views. A welcome addition is the popular wellness centre featuring an array of relaxing treatments and therapies in tranquil surroundings.

The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service to and from the port where you can hop on a hydrofoil to the other Aeolian Islands.

FACILITIES

- 95 rooms and suites
- 2 swimming pools (approx May - Oct)
- restaurant (2 in high season)
- shuttle service to beach (approx May - Oct)
- lounge
- bar
- complimentary shuttle service to port
- complimentary minibar (soft drinks)
- wellness centre
- lift

Ustica

The tiny volcanic island of Ustica – measuring just 3.3 sq miles is an oasis of peace and tranquility one and a half hours by hydrofoil from Palermo (two and a half hours by ferry). Unspoilt by tourism, its magnificent sea beds are protected as a natural marine reserve, capturing an abundance of life in its clear turquoise waters. This can be best experienced on the aquarium boat with its glass bottom or by taking a local boat round the island visiting the numerous grottos along the coast. It is, not surprisingly, a paradise for scuba divers and snorkellers.

Ustica, named Ustum (meaning burnt) by the Romans, was so called for its black lava rock which is in contrast to the green vegetation we see today and the rich soil which produces a very good rosé wine grape.

The island has a small, pretty town perched above the harbour and along with its little restaurants and cafes it houses an underwater archaeological museum.



Ustica Harbour

Residence Stella Marina

In a commanding position above Ustica's sleepy harbour this recently built small complex of apartments has wonderful views over the crystal clear sea. Complimentary breakfast served on the terrace is included. The studios for 2 or 3 people and the 1-bedroom apartments for 4 are elegantly furnished in a modern style and have a large communal sun terrace equipped with sun loungers overlooking

the sea. There is also a swimming pool. A short 3-5 minute walk will take you into Ustica's pretty town with its assortment of shops, bars and restaurants.

FACILITIES

- 19 apartments b/s wc
- sun terrace
- swimming pool
- air conditioning



Residence Stella Marina



Residence Stella Marina



Hotel Clelia



Hotel Clelia

Hotel Clelia ★★★

This charming family-run hotel is all about friendly welcoming service. Conveniently situated right in the heart of the island's little town and just 5 minutes walk to the harbour it is a perfect base to explore this sleepy unspoilt island rich in colourful vegetation. The hotel with its wonderful sea views offers comfortable accommodation furnished in local style featuring many hand-crafted pieces. Hotel

Clelia's restaurant is renowned for its excellent cuisine. Locally caught seafood and hand-made ice-cream are particular favourites.

FACILITIES

- 26 apartments b/s wc
- restaurant
- bar
- terrace
- air conditioning
- lift

Villas & Apartments

Self-catering in Sicily is becoming increasingly popular and due to this demand we have put together a wide range of villas and apartments throughout Sicily with properties ranging from small studio apartments for 2 people to large villas to sleep 13. They include beach, countryside and town locations. A sample of what we offer is shown here and a more extensive list of properties with detailed descriptions and pictures can be viewed on our website.

TAORMINA GIARDINI NAXOS ●

L'Oleandro villa

Taormina-Giardini Naxos/Sleeps 6

Situated within a small group of houses in a quiet location at Recanati, L'Oleandro is set amongst pretty gardens and has a good sized shared swimming pool with surrounding sun terrace. It is a few minutes walk to the beach at the popular resort of Giardini Naxos just below the hilltop resort of Taormina and a short walk to local restaurants and cafes. The house is tastefully furnished with a large well-equipped kitchen with dishwasher and washing machine. There is a patio with furniture for outdoor dining as well as a lawned garden and a barbeque. L'Oleandro is an ideal family house.

FACILITIES

- 1 double/twin bedroom with en-suite bathroom
- 1 double/twin bedroom with terrace
- 1 bedroom with bunk-beds
- bathroom
- kitchen
- lounge with veranda
- swimming pool
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Taormina botanical gardens

L'Oleandro apartment

Taormina-Giardini Naxos/Sleeps 3

In the same residential complex as L'Oleandro villa above this studio apartment enjoys the same shared swimming pool and sun terrace. The apartment occupies the 1st floor of an individual house and has its own separate entrance. The accommodation is open-plan in a bright modern style and has a terrace for alfresco dining.

FACILITIES

- Studio with double bed and sofa-bed
- lounge/kitchen area
- bathroom
- terrace
- swimming pool
- air conditioning (payable locally)



L'Oleandro



L'Oleandro



L'Oleandro



Terra Rossa

Terra Rossa apartments & villa

Taormina/Apartments Sleeps 2 - 5

This self-catering complex of small detached villas is attractively set amongst its own pretty gardens with swimming pool and superb views over the sea. It is in a quiet location midway between the town of Taormina and the beach, both of which can be reached by a large number of steps or by road. Each villa houses a studio apartment on the ground floor with patio and a 2-bedroom apartment above with terrace. All are equipped with basic cooking facilities including a 2-ring hob.

Taormina/Villa Sleeps 8

Nestling into the Taormina hillside in a quiet location overlooking the sea the Terra Rossa Villa is reached by a long flight of steps through the gardens of the nearby apartments. The spacious Villa which also houses a separate apartment above has been recently built and is decorated in the traditional Mediterranean style. It is fully equipped to sleep 8. The accommodation consists of 3 large double bedrooms (1 mezzanine), 2 bathrooms, kitchen, living room (with 2 sofa beds) and 2 terraces. There is a television (no satellite) and washing machine. Guests can also enjoy the use of the swimming pool at the apartment complex. Cleaning and change of linen is

carried out weekly (more frequently by direct arrangement at the Villa).

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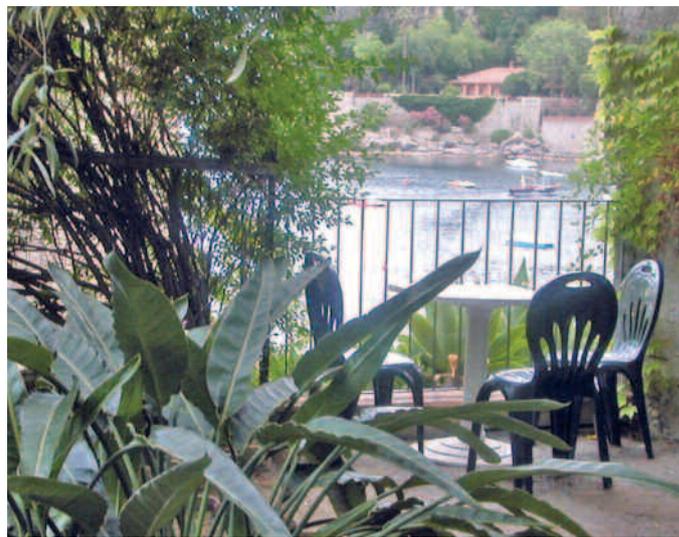
- 35 apartments & 1 villa b/s wc patio/terrace
- swimming pool & sun terrace
- reception lounge
- breakfast room



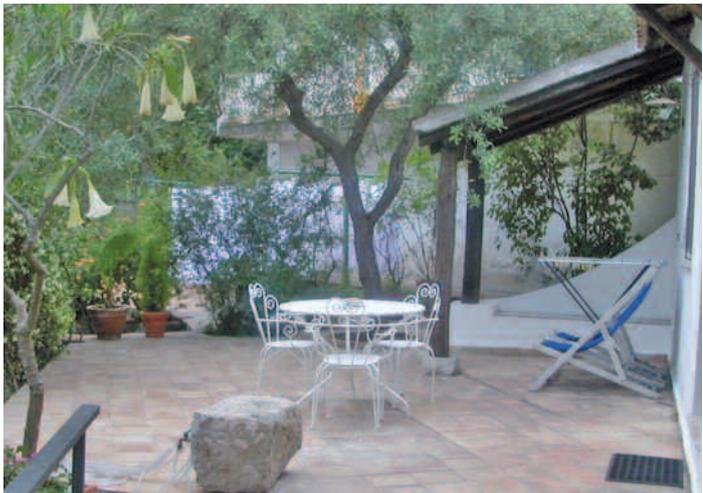
Terra Rossa



Villaggio Placido Apartments



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Taormina/Sleeps 2 - 5

Scattered amongst beautiful secluded gardens the Villaggio Placido holds a prime location below the cliff-top town of Taormina. These individual houses, all with private patio or garden, are well furnished and equipped for self-catering, the accommodation consisting of studios, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments for between 2-5 people. Direct access to the beach is reached by steps leading from the gardens and there are many bars and restaurants close by.

FACILITIES

- 10 apartments b/s wc patio/terrace
- beach access
- gardens





Taormina suite

Taormina/Apartment Sleeps 4

This exclusive apartment is in the centre of Taormina a few steps away from fashionable pedestrianised street Corso Umberto. Occupying the top floor of a 3-storey building the apartment is well laid out and tastefully furnished in modern style. It has 2 double bedrooms (1 en-suite) and from its open-plan living area has large French windows opening on to a delightful dining terrace with views over terracotta roofs to the sea. It is perfectly situated for sampling Taormina's large selection of elegant restaurants, cafes and shops. The cable car down to the beach is a short walk away.



Taormina suite

FACILITIES

- 2 double bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- bathroom
- open-plan living/dining room with kitchenette
- terrace
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Taormina suite



Marisol apartment



Marisol apartment

Taormina, Letojanni/Sleeps 6

Situated in Letojanni a beach resort a few kilometres from Taormina stands this very elegant modern apartment right on the sea front. It has a magnificent large panoramic terrace. This is an extension of the living area and accessed through large sliding doors it is perfect for alfresco dining and drinking in the fabulous sea view. An array of restaurants, cafes and shops are just a few minutes walk away. The accommodation is light and spacious and is arranged over 2 floors (2nd and 3rd). It has 2 double bedrooms (1 with sea view and balcony), another single bedroom, kitchen/living room with added sofa bed, 2 bathrooms and a laundry room.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- kitchen/living room
- laundry room
- terrace
- breakfast room
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Marisol apartment



Scozilia Villa apartments

Foothills of Mount Etna, Presa/Sleeps 2 - 8

Nestling amongst a vast estate of luxuriant tropical gardens this exclusive cluster of 4 individual detached villa style apartments is set in the tranquil countryside of Presa at the foothills of Mount Etna between Catania and Taormina. The villa/apartments are traditionally built from local Sicilian lava stone and terracotta. They are spacious and well equipped for self-catering. Each is individually accessed and has its own private terrace perfect for al fresco dining or relaxing with a good book. Within the extensive gardens is a fabulous swimming pool and sun terrace as well as a tennis court (rackets and balls available). For guests wishing to sample an authentic pizza the little village of Presa a short walk away has a good pizzeria. Within easy driving distance you can reach Taormina, Mount Etna, Alcantara Gorges as well as the pretty nearby villages of Acitrezza and Acicastello.

Villa Magnolia – sleeps up to 4

- 1 double bedroom
- open plan lounge/kitchen with double sofa bed
- bathroom with shower & wc
- terrace

Villa Camelia – sleeps up to 4

- 1 double bedroom
- open plan lounge/kitchen with double sofa bed
- bathroom with shower & wc
- terrace

Villa Mimosa – sleeps up to 6

- 2 double/twin bedrooms
- open plan lounge/kitchen with double sofa bed
- 2 bathrooms (1 with bath & wc 1 with shower & wc)
- washing machine
- Terrace

Villa Sterlizia – sleeps up to 8

- 4 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- large lounge/dining room
- large kitchen
- washing machine
- terrace



Scozilia Villa Apartments



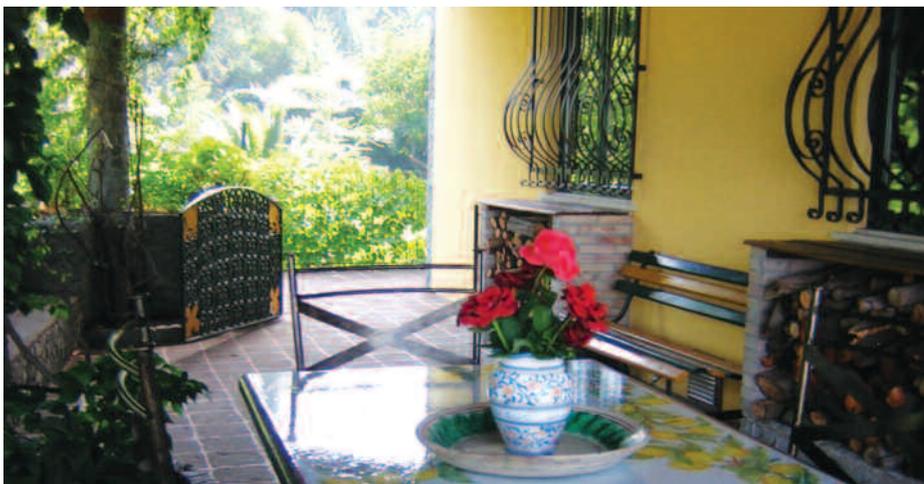
Scozilia Villa Apartments



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Villa La Ginestra

Nicolosi/Sleeps 6

This beautiful recently built villa is in a quiet location in the hilly village of Nicolosi 700m above sea level. On the doorstep are the attractive villages of Zafferana, Pedara and Bronte surrounding Mount Etna. The villa is set in lush parkland with well maintained garden and terrace. The interior is spacious and elegantly furnished with many antique artefacts. On the sheltered veranda there is an outdoor kitchenette.



FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms plus a further 1 outside
- living room
- study
- kitchen
- swimming pool



Villa La Ginestra



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Villa La Ginestra

Villa Casa di Filli

Nicolosi/Sleeps 6

A lovely private villa Casa di Filli is in a wonderful tranquil setting in Nicolosi, a little hilly village 700m above sea level on the southern side of Mount Etna and 20k from Catania. This makes for the perfect location for exploring the pretty villages around this imposing mountain. Casa di Filli is a quiet and peaceful retreat in a beautiful and comfortable house tucked away in the hills. Inside a residential park, enveloped by a magnificent walled garden, the property is rustic and homely, with traditional terracotta floors and wooden beams. It's outdoor terrace is perfect for alfresco dining.



Villa Casa di Filli

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms
- Kitchen
- Living room with fireplace
- terrace
- garden



Villa Casa di Filli



Villa Casa di Filli



Villa Posidonia

Siracusa/Sleeps 6

A beautiful villa with panoramic sea views Villa Posidonia is set in the heart of Plemmirio nature reserve, a wonderful stretch of coast south of Siracusa. Here you are ideally placed for exploring Sicily's wonderful southern baroque towns of Noto and Modica and, of course, Siracusa itself 12km away. The nearest rocky beach is just 100m away and there is a sandy beach within 6km. The villa sits amidst a well tended garden of lush palms and agaves and has 2 large terraces perfect for relaxing and enjoying the peaceful surroundings. Inside, the house is spread over 2 floors providing spacious accommodation with bright rooms tastefully decorated.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 1 bathroom
- Kitchen
- living room with fireplace
- 2 terraces
- barbecue
- washing machine
- air-conditioning



Villa Posidonia



Villa Posidonia



Terrazza Ortigia apartment



Terrazza Ortigia apartment



Terrazza Ortigia apartment

Ortigia Siracusa/Sleeps 4

Terrazza is an enchanting apartment situated in Ortigia the historical centre of Siracusa with its intricate network of narrow baroque streets. Occupying the 2nd floor of a period building it is just a few metres away from the seafront promenade and the many restaurants, shops and cafes. The apartment's bright modern interior is elegantly furnished with an open plan living room/kitchen, a double bedroom, a single bedroom with extra pull-out bed and a bathroom. Outside is a large furnished terrace with views over the rooftops to the sea. On your doorstep a wealth of treasures await including Arethusa Fountain and the ornate Cathedral.

FACILITIES

- 1 double bedroom & 1 bathroom
- 1 single bedroom with extra bed
- lounge/dining room with kitchen
- terrace



Panorama Suite

Siracusa/sleeps 4

Panorama suite is a charming comfortable apartment well positioned a couple of minutes walk across the bridge from Ortigia the historical centre of Siracusa. The apartment is on the 2nd floor of an aristocratic building and offers tastefully furnished and spacious accommodation which includes a modern well equipped kitchen opening onto a spacious living dining room, 2 double bedrooms and large terrace. The living room and one of the bedrooms opens onto delightful balconies that look over the rooftops of Ortigia to the sea. An array of shops, restaurants and cafes are a few metres away.



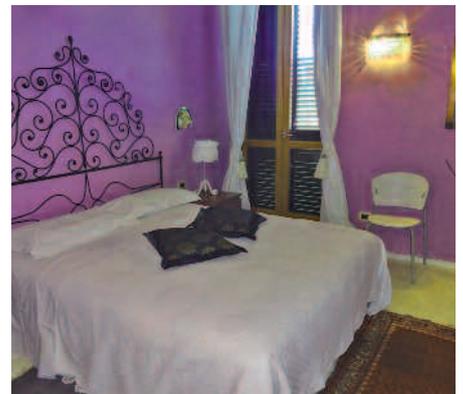
Panorama Suite

FACILITIES

- 2 double bedrooms
- 1 bathroom with shower
- kitchen/living room
- terrace
- Air-conditioning (payable locally)
- lift



Panorama Suite



Panorama Suite



Cuore di Cava



Cuore di Cava

Modica/Sleeps 4

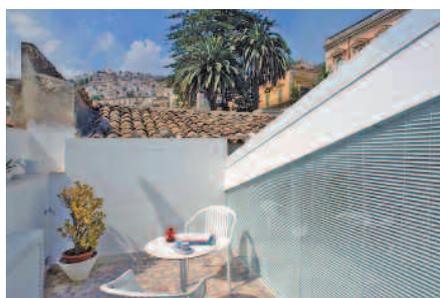
This luxury apartment housed within a beautiful period building is right in the heart of the baroque historical centre of Modica. The traditional exterior of the building hides the contemporary styled interior of this elegant apartment with its open-plan living and bright cool décor. Over 2 floors the apartment consists of an open plan lounge/dining room leading to a well-equipped kitchen, stairs up to the double bedroom and 2 bathrooms. There is a lovely small terrace leading directly from the bedroom.

FACILITIES

- 1 double bedroom
- sofa bed
- 2 bathrooms
- small terrace
- air conditioning



Cuore di Cava



Cuore di Cava



MODICA

Villa Baglio Amore

Modica/Ragusa/Sleeps 7

In a lovely countryside location 8 kilometres from the attractive baroque town of Modica Baglio Amore was once a charming rural "baglio" (farm dwelling). Built around an internal courtyard that includes the manor house the single storey baglio has been expertly renovated and provides very elegant stylish accommodation arranged to comfortably sleep 7 with 3 double bedrooms (1 with additional sofa bed) and 3 bathrooms. Outside is a swimming pool (occasionally also used by the owner) and sun terrace and a luxuriant garden adorned with citrus fruit and Mediterranean plants. Here you are ideally situated for visiting the beautiful baroque towns of Ragusa, Scicli and Noto as well as the popular Donnafugata golf course.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms
- large living/dining room with kitchen
- swimming pool
- terrace
- laundry
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Villa Baglio Amore



Villa Baglio Amore



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Villa Lida



Villa Lida



MARINA DI MODICA

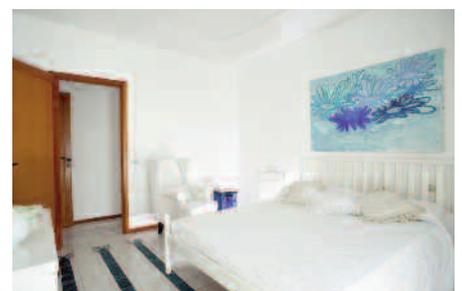
Villa Lida

Marina di Modica/Sleeps 6

Villa Lidia is a beautiful sea-front villa just a stone's throw from the small bay of Marina di Modica on Sicily's popular south coast. Here the beach is fabulous golden sand with a fine promenade. The interior of this single-storey villa is decorated in cool blue and white Mediterranean style colours and outside it has wonderful spacious terraces well-equipped for lounging and dining as well as a well-kept garden. 3 bedrooms (2 double/twin and 1 single) and spacious living areas make it ideal for a family holiday. All within 30 kilometres and easily reached by car are the Vendicari Nature Reserve, Noto, Ragusa and Donnafugata golf course.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- living room with sofa bed
- large kitchen
- terraces
- outside shower
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Villa Lida



MARINA DI MODICA ●

Dolce Mare apartments

Marina di Modica /Sleeps 5

Dolce Mare is a modern complex of apartments built in Mediterranean style situated just a stone's throw away from the beautiful, wide sandy beach of Marina di Modica, a renowned seaside resort on the southern coast of Sicily, 30 km South of Ragusa. It houses seven apartments, all with their own entrance and terrace with splendid sea views. Each apartment comes with a garage parking space. The bright interiors are modern and simple in design and tastefully furnished. The location is ideal for exploring the surrounding areas of Modica, Ragusa, Scicli, Noto and Siracusa.

FACILITIES

- 2 twin/double bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- kitchen/living room with sofa bed
- terrace
- air-conditioning
- outdoor shower



Dolce Mare apartments



Dolce Mare apartments



Dolce Mare apartments



MARINA DI RAGUSA ●

La Scibina Apartments

Marina di Ragusa/sleeps 2 - 5

Formerly an almond warehouse La Scibina has been transformed into a small family-run property consisting of 7 spacious apartments. Having 1 studio, 4 x 1-bedroom and 2 x 2-bedroom units they can all accommodate an extra person on the sofa bed. Each apartment is individually styled to a high standard and provides tasteful modern accommodation surrounded by beautiful countryside and attractive gardens including a fruit and herb garden. Bedrooms in the apartments can be individually used as en-suite hotel rooms on a bed & breakfast basis with the kitchens closed off and daily maid service included. Breakfast is lavish with many local products and is payable locally for those renting the apartments. Marina di Ragusa's fine sandy beach is less than 10 minutes walk away and there are plenty of shops and restaurants also within a short walking distance.

FACILITIES

- 4 x 1 bedroom / 1 bathroom and 2 x 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom and 1 x studio / 1 bathroom apartments
- swimming pool (heated in winter months)
- sun terrace
- pool bar
- breakfast room
- reading room with small library
- children's swimming pool and play area
- air-conditioning



La Scibina apartments



La Scibina apartments



Corte Iblea apartments

Ragusa /Sleeps 2 - 6

Located in a large natural park in the unspoilt countryside near Ragusa Corte Iblea is made up of 3 attractive stone buildings typical of this region dating back to the beginning of the 20th century which have been sympathetically restored and divided into 7 elegant apartments. Each apartment is unique and has a terrace for outdoor dining. They share an attractive swimming pool and sun terrace. Within a short drive are the baroque towns of Ragusa and Modica and the sandy beach of Marina di Ragusa.

FACILITIES

- 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom and 3 bedroom / 3 bathroom apartments
- living/dining room
- kitchen
- terraces
- swimming pool
- air-conditioning (payable locally)



Corte Iblea apartments



Corte Iblea apartments



Corte Iblea apartments



Marinella Villa



Marinella Villa



Marmella Villa

Selinunte/sleeps 5

Marinella is a spacious individual house located 2 kilometres from Selinunte and a short distance from the archaeological site and nature reserve of the Belice estuary. Just 200 metres away is a beautiful sandy beach. The property is arranged over 2 floors with accommodation comprising of 2 double bedrooms and 1 single bedroom, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite) and a downstairs wc. It has a large well equipped kitchen, living room and small garden with 2 furnished terraces (1 open and one covered) ideal for al fresco dining. Marinella di Selinunte is approximately 400 metres away which has a good assortment of shops, restaurants and bars.

FACILITIES

- 2 double bedrooms & 1 single bedroom
- 2 bathrooms & 1 wc
- kitchen
- living room
- 2 terraces
- garden
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Marsala Suite

Marsala/sleeps 4

Marsala suite is an exclusive apartment located in the centre of Marsala, a fascinating old town on the west coast of Sicily. The apartment is positioned on the 5th (top) floor of a modern building with an elegant contemporary interior. From the living room French doors lead onto a dining terrace with sea views. As well as having a wealth of restaurants, bars and shops on your doorstep you are also just a few metres from the sea front, although the beach (which is sandy) is approximately 1500 metres away. Hydrofoil services to the Egadi Islands can be reached on foot and Selinute, Erice and the famous salt pans with their characteristic windmills of Trapani can easily be reached by car.

FACILITIES

- 1 double bedroom
- 2 single bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- kitchen
- living/dining room
- terrace
- air conditioning (payable locally)
- lift



Marsala Suite



Marsala Suite



Marsala Suite



Villa Cialoma

Castellammare del Golfo/Sleeps 5

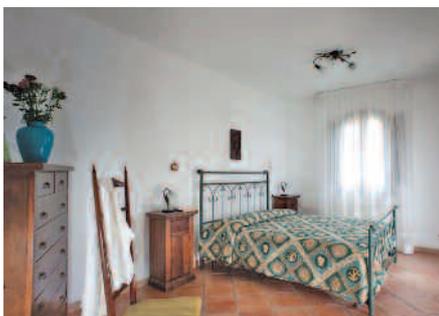
This beautiful villa with private swimming pool can be found on the northwest coast of Sicily 9km from Castellammare del Golfo. It is 800m to the sea and is situated on the road between the Guidaloca bay and the ancient village of Scopello. You are also within an easy drive of the beautiful white sandy beach of San Vito Lo Capo and the Zingaro Natural Reserve. Villa Cialoma is encompassed by an idyllic exotic garden with palm trees and colourful Mediterranean plants and a well tended lawn. It also has fabulous terraces with sea views – perfectly equipped for outdoor living. Its bright, well-proportioned interior is tastefully furnished with all mod cons.

FACILITIES

- 3 bedrooms & 1 bathroom
- kitchen/living room
- swimming pool
- terraces and garden
- barbecue
- washing machine
- air conditioning



Villa Cialoma



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● SAN VITO LO CAPO

Villa Baia Verde

Erice-San Vito Lo Capo/Sleeps 8

A beautiful Mediterranean style villa Baia Verde is located in a sunny position. It is a few metres from the sandy beach of Cornino a sea-side resort between Erice and San Vito Lo Capo on the north west tip of Sicily. It is ideally placed for visiting the Zingaro Nature Reserve, the Egadi Islands, Segesta and San Vito Lo Capo. The accommodation comprises 2 double/twin bedrooms, bathroom a loft/study with double sofa bed, lounge and kitchen in the main area and on a lower floor accessed from outside is a separate area with double sofa bed and kitchenette and a bathroom. Outside there is a well-cared-for garden and spacious terraces as well as a covered area with outdoor kitchen and barbecue.

FACILITIES

- 2 double/twin bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- living room
- kitchen
- study
- open plan studio
- outside kitchen and barbecue
- air conditioning (payable locally)



Villa Baia Verde



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La Chiesina apartments



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● SAN VITO LO CAPO

La Chiesina apartments

San Vito Lo Capo/Sleeps 5

Close to San Vito Lo Capo, La Chiesina consists of independent apartments in a modern residence of small villas. The apartments are situated in a beautiful landscape, surrounded by olive, carob, palm trees and bougainvillea, and close to the breathtaking Zingaro Natural Reserve with its 7km of unspoilt coastline walks and home to eagles and peregrine falcons as well as over 700 varieties of plants. It is 1.5km from the beach and 5km to San Vito Lo Capo. Trapani airport is the most convenient at 60km away. The 2-bedroomed apartments are arranged over 2 floors and boast panoramic sea views from their balconies and terraces – perfect for al fresco dining.

FACILITIES

- 2 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- Kitchen/living room
- 2 balcony/terraces
- washing machine
- air conditioning



Fontana Barone apartments

Cefalu/sleeps 6

Just on the outskirts of the historic town of Cefalu, this residence of individual villas is set in a haven of exotic plants, in a peaceful spot away from the traffic. Family friendly, Fontana Barone independent villas sleep up to 6 people and have both outdoor and indoor living areas arranged over 2 floors. As well as the well-equipped interior accommodation comprising of 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms plus a large open-plan lounge with 2 sofa-beds each has its own garden and terrace with pergola housing an outside kitchen, perfect for al fresco dining. The swimming pool and surrounding sun terrace is shared by all the villas. Daily cleaning of the villas is included (except the kitchen) and a change of linen twice a week. The nearest beach is just 500m away.



Fontana Barone Apartments

FACILITIES

- 2 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- lounge/kitchen
- outdoor kitchen
- garden & terrace
- barbecue
- shared swimming pool & children's pool
- bar
- children's playground
- air conditioning



Fontana Barone Apartments



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Case di Pozzetti



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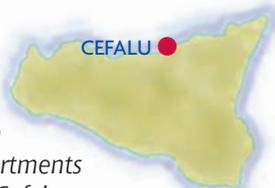
Case di Pozzetti apartments

Cefalu/Sleeps 2 - 6

This small group of 4 apartments are set inside a quiet countryside estate in the hills surrounding Cefalu. Each of the apartments is furnished in simple rustic style and has its own private sun terrace with stunning views ideal for relaxing and outdoor dining. Access to the apartments is by a steep road. The nearest sandy beach is 8 kilometres away.

FACILITIES

- 4 x 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom apartments
- 1 and 2 bathrooms
- living/dining room
- kitchen
- sun terraces
- swimming pool



We have a wide selection of apartments in the heart of Cefalu resort and close to its beautiful sandy beach. The accommodation which is on 1st, 2nd or 3rd floor is mostly located in an assortment of characterful historic buildings many with panoramic views across Cefalu town, the Cathedral and the sea. Each apartment is spacious and consists of 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom or 3-bedroom accommodation sleeping from 2-8 guests. Here we have listed just a few of the apartments on offer.

Terrazza Del Gabbiano

Cefalu/Sleeps 4

This is an attractive apartment located right in the heart of Cefalu's historic centre in the lower part of the town. It is perfectly located for visiting the beach and the many restaurants, cafes and shops. Newly restored by the owner, Terrazza del Gabbiano has been elegantly furnished in cool Mediterranean colours and has a wonderful view of the sea which is just 20 metres away. The apartment has a balcony and a terrace both equipped with seating.

FACILITIES

- 2 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- kitchen/living room
- Balcony and terrace
- air conditioning



Terrazza Del Gabbiano



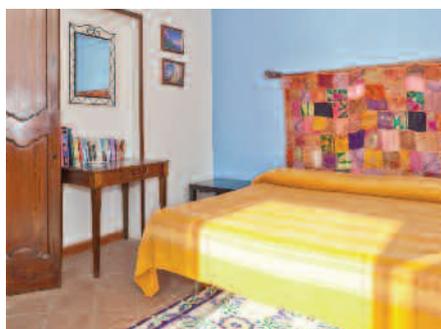
Villa Mara



Terrazza Del Gabbiano



Terrazza Paradiso



Terrazza Paradiso



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Terrazza Paradiso

Cefalu/Sleeps 4/5

This apartment is on the 3rd floor in a nice old building close to Cefalu's old marina and is easy walking distance from the beach and the famous Duomo square. There are several restaurants and shops close by. The apartment has a beautiful terrace with a sea view. There is a living area with a double sofa bed and the kitchen area is fully equipped for self-catering. There is one double bedroom with air conditioning and access to the terrace. In the bathroom there is a washing machine. The apartment also has a large mezzanine with 2 singles beds, air conditioning and one toilet.

FACILITIES

- 2 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- kitchen/living room
- terrace
- air conditioning

SANTO STEFANO DI CAMASTRA



Villa Mara apartments

Santo Stefano di Camastra/Sleeps 4

Villa Mara is situated in a quiet sunny and panoramic location in the hills on the border of the natural reserve of the Nebrodi mountains. This ancient stone farmhouse dates back to 18th century and has recently been restored and converted into 3 independent apartments. The property maintains its original wooden beamed ceiling and is furnished in rustic style. Within the grounds there is a shared swimming pool and large sun terrace as well as olive, fruit and nut trees which the owners harvest - the results of which can be sampled. Santo Stefano di Camastra famous for producing fine ceramics is 8 kilometres away.

FACILITIES

- 2 double/twin bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- living/dining room with kitchen area
- patio



Borgo Maisale apartments

Patti/Sleeps 4-6

Situated in a farm estate on the hills over-looking Patti on the north coast of Sicily, these properties are surrounded by rich and fruitful orchards, vineyards and olive groves. Borgo Maisale retains the charm of an ancient Sicilian rural hamlet, whilst offering guests the comfort of recently refurbished farmhouses which have been divided into apartments of 1 and 2-bedrooms and are furnished in a rustic and traditional style. Each has a patio housing outdoor furniture. There is a fabulous swimming pool and sun terrace with stunning views. Guests can enjoy the fresh produce of the surrounding farm land at the weekly market, and be spoilt by the landlady's weekly offerings of warm stone-baked bread, and the delights from the vegetable garden. Here you are well-placed for visiting the Aeolian (the port of Milazzo being 30km away).



Borgo Maisale apartments

FACILITIES

- 2 apartments of 2 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- 2 apartments of 2 bedrooms & 1 bathroom
- 2 apartments of 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- kitchen/living room with sofa-bed
- patio/terrace
- barbecue
- shared swimming pool
- shared reading room
- shared billiard hall



Borgo Maisale apartments



Villa Baldassarre



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Capo d'Orlando/Sleeps 6

Located on the outskirts of the small resort of Capo d'Orlando on the north coast of Sicily Villa Baldassarre is a spacious attractive villa set within a large private garden of citrus and olive trees and an array of aromatic and ornamental plants. It is approx 300 metres to the nearest sandy beach and 3 kilometres to shops, restaurants, banks etc. It is an ideal family villa with accommodation consisting of 1 double bedroom, 1 twin bedroom with private bathroom, a separate bathroom, open-plan kitchen onto lounge/dining room, study and large terrace. Outside there is an annexe housing a double bedroom and bathroom.

FACILITIES

- 1 twin bedroom with en-suite bathroom and 1 double bedroom
- 1 further bathroom
- open-plan living/dining room/kitchen
- study
- terrace
- annexe with double bedroom and bathroom

A Sicilian Dream Wedding



Palazzo Santo Stefano

For an unforgettable experience let us take the stress out of planning your special day.

With breathtaking scenery, great food and charming hospitality Sicily is the perfect location for a romantic wedding and a memorable honeymoon. You may wish to choose a low-key wedding with just the two of you and your witnesses, alternatively you may like to invite family and friends to share your day with a catered reception at a local hotel, restaurant or countryside venue which we will be delighted to arrange for you.

Sicily has an abundance of romantic islands and resorts from the tiny idyllic Aeolian island of Panarea to the picturesque hill-top resort of Taormina with its stunning back-drop of Mount Etna. To help guide you in choosing your perfect honeymoon spot our expert team have first-hand knowledge of all our properties and locations and will be delighted to offer assistance and advice.

We are pleased to offer discounted rates on all our hotels and apartments for you and your guests.
Please ask us for details.



Our Sicilian civil wedding package

Taormina has been chosen by us as our top wedding venue for its stunning location and glamorous life-style and together with our experienced resident wedding co-ordinator we will tailor-make your wedding to suit your own individual requirements arranging as much or as little of the special day as you wish. There are certain compulsory elements which have been included in our standard wedding package listed below. We ask you please to note that your documents will be required at least six weeks prior to your wedding day and as there is only one wedding performed each day in Taormina early booking is strongly recommended.

If Taormina is not your preferred venue we can also arrange weddings in the charming fishing town of Cefalu on the North coast of Sicily and the Aeolian islands.

What is included

- Organisation and coordination of the civil marriage ceremony at Palazzo Santo Stefano
- Administration costs (excluding Euro registry fees and Consular fees (€475 at time of going to press which may increase to approx €700))

- Processing of documentation
- Visit to town hall with our co-ordinator for signing declaration of intent to marry 1 or 2 days prior to the wedding day.
- Interpreter for the wedding ceremony (which is conducted in Italian)
- Wedding co-ordinator on hand during the wedding day
- Bridal posy and buttonhole for groom
- Multi-lingual marriage certificate

Price –please refer to our price list enclosed

Optional extras payable locally (credit cards not accepted)

- Transport to and from the ceremony (private car, horse and carriage etc)
- Music at the ceremony
- Floral arrangements
- Professional photographer and DVD service
- Hairdressing and beauty treatments
- Witnesses (if not providing your own)
- Anglican Church
- Reception and catering

For further information and bookings please contact our reservations team.



Corsa Umberto, Taormina

